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Plaid Cymru's warning over Hinkley mud



Plaid's Vale councillor Nic Hodges (right) alongside Jill Evans MEP at the Cardiff Bay rally.

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PLAID CYMRU councillors in Barry have warned against disposing of more than 300,000 tonnes of mud from Hinkley Point a few miles off the coast from Cardiff.

Earlier this year Natural Resources Wales (NRW) said sample results of the dredged material had demonstrated it is safe, but campaigners claim it has been "insufficiently tested".

NRW gave the French company EDF a licence to move mud from the construction site at Hinkley Point C and release it at 'Cardiff Grounds' in the Severn Channel where it can be dispersed.

Plaid points out that concerns have been raised by marine scientist Tim Deere-Jones that the mud has not been tested for radioactivity at a depth lower than five centimetres and that the wrong tests have been carried out.

Clr Nic Hodges, who represents Barry Island and Barry's West End on the Vale Council, spoke at a rally outside the Senedd in Cardiff Bay on Bank Holiday Monday, calling for further testing. He said: "The Vale Council has spent millions to improve Barry Island as a resort. "We have a responsibility to keep our residents safe. As councillors we call for evidence. We call for facts. We ask questions.

"I expect NRW to serve us the people of Wales first and foremost. I've witnessed their shortcomings on Barry with the incinerator built in the middle of our town."

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FROM NOVICE CYCLIST AND SWIMMER TO TRIATHLON COMPETITOR...
Barry's Delyth set for Ironman Wales

A BARRY woman who conquered a fear of swimming will be on the starting line of the gruelling 'Ironman Wales Triathlon' in Tenby on September 9.

A few years ago, Delyth Lewis (37) had little cycling experience and was unable to swim or put her head under the water.

But she learned to swim and now faces a 2.4-mile sea swim during one of Wales' premier athletic events.

The triathlon draws thousands of spectators to Tenby and includes a swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run.

She is hoping to cross the finish line in under 17 hours.

Delyth, who works at the Wales Audit Office in Cardiff, explained: "To prepare for Tenby, I have had weekly swim sessions at Jackson's Bay, as well as taking part in other events including the Barry 10k and the Whitmore Bay Sleep When You're

Dead" triathlon.

"Ironman Wales is regarded as one of the toughest endurance races out there, thanks to the Pembrokeshire hills, but my training should help and I know the amazing crowds will help get me round."

She is fully aware of the huge challenge that awaits her.

"The swim involves two triangular laps of Tenby's north beach. There will be lots of currents, jellyfish and flailing arms to watch out for."

"Then it's a short run up through the town centre with cheering crowds to the transition area ready for the bike stage."

"At this point, my legs are likely to feel like jelly from the swim. The bike course goes out to Angle, Carew, Narberth, and takes in two major hills at Wiseman's Bridge and

Saundersfoot.

"The atmosphere at Saundersfoot is always electric with crowds cheering every rider, trying to help them up the hills, Tour de France style."

"The route goes back into Tenby, and then there's a smaller loop involving Wiseman's Bridge and Saundersfoot hill again."

"The run is 26 miles and four laps in total. Each lap goes around Tenby town centre."

"The race finishes along the esplanade with cheering crowds, red carpet and every finisher greeted with the words 'You are an Ironman!'"

Delyth is raising money for Llamaau, a local charity, which aims to eradicate homelessness for young people and vulnerable women. You can donate at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/delyth-lewis5.



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The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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| 02 Sun | 11.22 | 8.8 | 23.49 | 8.6 |
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Quiz night in support of local suicide centre



Quiz winners 'The Clueless' including Fran Sparks and Nina Lawrence plus kids with quiz master Sue Vincent-Jones and Gobaith girls Rachel Degaetano and Lisa Bourne.

SAUSAGES in the skittle alley and raffles in the rain did not stop the dedicated locals who braved the wet and windy weather at the King William pub to support the latest Gobaith (Cymru) charity fundraiser.

A quiz night, complete with an indoor barbecue plus prizes, was held to boost the funds so desperately needed for a suicide support centre in Barry.

Organised by Barry mother Rachel Degaetano whose son Chae took his life in April 2015, the evening saw 10 teams of five players battle it out for the top prize of a bottle of booze.

They worked their way through six stages including a picture round and an alpah links section.

The night was hosted by Sue Vincent-Jones who shouted out the questions from the infamous 'Billy Pulpit' in between eating the barbecue laid on by Fran Sparks.

Fran also led the team 'The Clueless' who were crowned top scorers. There was also a prize for best team name which was won by 'Sit On My Face and I'll Guess Your Weight.'

Raffle prizes included a bottle of vodka from The Billy, a pamper hamper from Tesco, a bottle of gin from Mandy Gee, a gin and glass set from Vicky Gee, beer and lager from Morgan Bowen and 'smellies' from Nina Lawrence.

Wine and cider were also donated by Rachel, who said: "Wow! Just want to say thank you to everyone made the



Vale AM Jane Hutt hands over a cheque for £100 to Anthony Hopkins which will go towards the costs of this year's High Street Christmas event.

Donation for High Street's festive event

ON behalf of High Street Traders, I would like to thank Jane Hutt for her very generous donation of £100 towards our Christmas market and lights switch-on to be held on Friday, November 16.

Barry Town Council supplies our lights and the Vale Council usually funds the event, but due to government cutbacks it is unable to offer any funding towards future events that we hold in High Street and we've been told that we need to

move towards sustainability.

It's not looking good as we have to pay the Vale Council £1,000 just to close the road and with all of the other expenses involved, each event costs about £2,000.

We're already running a monthly raffle with some great prizes to raise funds so Ms Hutt's kind gesture is very gratefully received.

Who knows – maybe a big local company would like to sponsor future events in High Street. We'd certainly be able to offer plenty of publicity in return.

Anthony Hopkins,
High Street Traders

Barry cyclist offers up £3,000 reward

BARRY police have been investigating an incident in the town which took place on Gladstone Bridge on June 24.

Cyclist Douglas Jones told his story in The GEM on August 9, saying he advised fellow cyclists to "dismount and get onto the pavement" for their own safety if they heard the roar of a car approaching.

The police issued the following appeal for information: "We are investigating a collision involving a cyclist and a car which occurred on Gladstone Bridge, Barry, on June 24 at around 7.15pm.

"A black car is reported to have been in collision with the cyclist before the driver left the scene.

"Anyone who witnessed the incident or who has any information is asked to call 101 quoting 1800230792 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

Mr Jones is offering a £3,000 reward for information leading to the identification of the person responsible.

If anyone has information, they should contact the police.

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Enfys Craft Fair

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The fair is held between 10am and 4pm and admission is free.

Crafters will be refreshed having had a break in August and being able to build up their stock.

The charity for September involves St Ffransis' Millennium Hall as they are raising money to install a defibrillator, or PAD as they are called – Public Access Defibrillator. What a huge difference it makes when one is available. The hall is used by many people, so please come along on Saturday and buy raffle tickets to help provide a PAD and save lives.

As usual a warm welcome is assured for new and old friends alike, so why not pop in and see us, support our charity and spoil yourself with a little something from one of our stalls.

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School celebrate final set of GCSE results



Rhys Powell with headteacher Gerard McNamara.



James Corrigan with Mr McNamara.

B A R R Y McNamara commented: "The results this year are excellent, and a real reflection of the hard work from all in our school community – students, staff and governors.

C o m p r e h e n s i v e School is again celebrating an excellent set of GCSE results, with 70 per cent of students achieving at least 5 A*-C grades and 57 per cent achieving the same measure, including both English and Maths.

Of particular note are: Rhys Powell, with 15 A* or A grades; Mark Williams with 13 A* or A grades; James Corrigan, with 12 A* or A; Alex Hamer, with 11 GCSEs at A* or A; Daniel Griffiths with 11 A* or A grades; Ethan Lloyd with 10 GCSEs at A* or A; Joshua Smith, with 10 A* or A grades; Wesley Ballysingh, with 10 A* or A grades; Luke Bennett, with 10 A* or A grades.

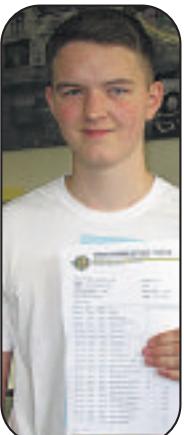
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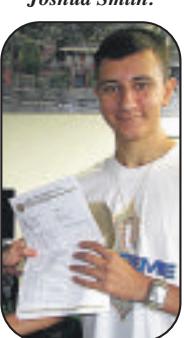
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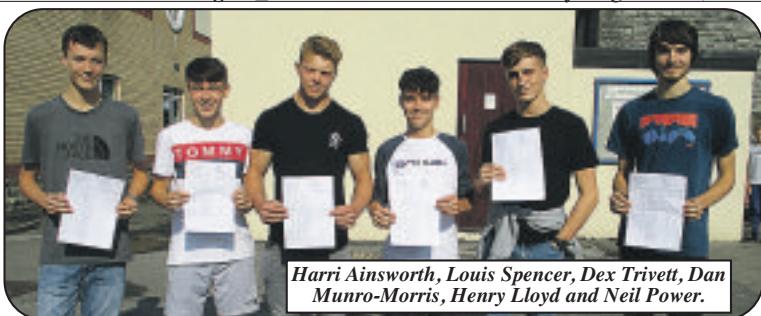
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Alex Hamer.



Harri Ainsworth, Louis Spencer, Dex Trivett, Dan Munro-Morris, Henry Lloyd and Neil Power.

Stanwell school's GCSEs results are 'exceptional'

THERE were smiles aplenty at Stanwell School in Penarth as staff and pupils celebrated "exceptional" GCSE results.

A school spokesperson said: "Year-11 pupils at Stanwell School have once again enjoyed exceptional achievements at GCSE level. This year has seen an increase in the Level 2 plus figure, which requires five or more Level 2 passes (A*-C grades) including English language and mathematics.

"This demanding measure of schools has increased from 79 per cent last year to 83 per cent this year and should place Stanwell among the top performing schools in Wales.

"Particularly pleasing was the improvement at the highest grades, with 42 per cent of students gaining 5 or more A* to A grades, the best ever for the school. The students should all be congratulated for their hard work in the lead-up to the examination period, and the school is certainly very proud of their achievements.

"In the Welsh Baccalaureate, we are delighted that 99 per cent of the cohort achieved the Skills Challenge Certificate, with 94 per cent of them achieving this at National level."

The proportion of A* grades awarded this year was 15 per cent and overall, more than 1,160 entries were graded A* or A, which equates to 37 per cent of all results. 63 per cent of all entries were A* to B and a stunning 86 per cent of all examinations taken were graded A* to C. 65 pupils achieved 10 A grades or better and the following 18 pupils were awarded 10 A* grades or more:

Sophie Anderton, Arianne Banks, Enyala Banks, Rowan Higgins and Laura MacLeod all got (14 A* and one A); James Lewis (13 A* and one A); Famke Ashmore and Rory Skinner (13 A* and two A); Neil Power and Dylan Smith (12 A* and three A); Imania Malik-Stephens (12 A* and two A); Louis Spencer (11 A* and three A); Fionn McCulloch (11 A* and four A); Emma Monaghan (11 A*; three A grades and one B); Hannah Williams (10 A*



Arianne Banks, Louis Spencer and Enyala Banks.



Lauren Selman, Hannah Williams, Sophie Anderton and Rowan Higgins.

and four A); Dan Munro-Morris and Phoebe Scott-Quinlan (10 A* and five qualifications A); Dylan Moss (10 A*, partnership with Cardiff and the Vale College and Mr James Mansfield, was

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Mr James Mansfield, was especially pleased to see large numbers of pupils achieving the required grades to follow their chosen subjects in the sixth form and commented that "pupils worked with diligence and commitment in the lead up to the examinations and the mathematics each."

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Nina's pub run to raise funds for support centre

A BARRY runner, whose family and friends have been affected by suicide, is racing around local pubs to raise funds for a local support centre.

Nina Lawrence, whose childhood friends Lucinda and nephew Chae both took their own lives, will visit as many pubs as possible on Saturday, September 1 in the latest Gobaith (Barri) event.

In a bid to help raise funds for the suicide support centre, Nina will start at the Billy at 6pm and then visit the Witchell, the Tynewydd Inn, the West End, Finnegan's, Academy, Wetherspoons and the Baruc Arms – before finishing at The Buccaneer.

Supporters are asking



Nina aims raise funds for Gobaith (Barri) Suicide Support Centre.

people to pop along on the evening to demonstrate their support and to give if they are in

PACT meetings

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12pm.

Cuppa with a copper will be held at Atlantic Café, Wimbourne Road, Barry on Tuesday, September 4 between 12pm and 2pm.

Gibbonsdown PACT at 10.30am on Tuesday, September 18 at the residents' Board Office Coyerchurh Rise, Barry.

Meet Your Local Officers at Penarth Police Station on Thursday, September 6 between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

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any of the venues when Nina and the team might shake the obligatory charity bucket your way.

Nina said: "I am doing this pub run in memory of Chae, Lucinda plus all those who have lost their lives to mental health, and also for all those who are struggling now and who desperately need a place to go.

"Please join us to cheer me along the route, to throw some coins in the bucket when I visit, and then for a beer and a band in The Buccaneer afterwards.

"Thank you to Angie and Genine for kindly hosting the evening and to all the pubs who have happily let me pop in to collect en route."

Nina, who is married to Rob, and has two children, Anna and Elinor, is keen to continue raising money to help those affected by mental health and who need a safe haven in the town.

A keen runner, she plans to follow up the pub run with the Cardiff Half Marathon in October - all proceeds will go to Gobaith (Cymru).

For more information visit the Gobaith Barri Facebook group.

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Choir resumes its rehearsals



AFTER a summer break, Barry Community Choir starts singing again for the autumn and winter terms on Wednesday, September 5 from 7.30pm – 9.30pm at Crossway Methodist Church Hall, Barry (the hall has good disabled access).

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Today A2B Taxis now has a modern purpose built building, located on the outskirts of Barry. Our call centre now employs 15 telephone operators, which are manned 24 hours a day, 7 days and week, 365 days a year. Using the latest booking

and dispatching systems, handling over 15,000.00 calls a week. Along with email bookings, quotes and queries. Our fleet of taxis has grown to 115 vehicles, consisting of; saloons, estates, 6 and 8 seater mini buses and wheelchair adapted minibuses all to the highest standards and suitable for all occasions.

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Most of our vehicles have credit card machines on board, making paying for your taxi that much easier and quicker.

A2B Taxis is proud to serve the local community, not only do we provide the highest taxi service but we also help support several charities. A2B Taxis endeavoured to help the Vale's most vulnerable during our recent bout of heavy snow fall by offering its services to shop for essential items on behalf of those unable to safely leave their properties. We've also helped out numerous charities, sponsored numerous football teams and even partook in the Taff Trail.

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St John holds centenary celebrations in Dinas Powys

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A spokesperson said: "St John Cymru was established in 1918 after the First World War and provided first aid to soldiers on and off the battlefields. Throughout its history, the organisation has been instrumental in treating people with and teaching the Welsh public essential first aid skills.

"St John Cymru ambassador Roy Noble OBE will also attend the event at Murchfield Community Hall and will mark the occasion with his own personal anecdotes as well as a deeper insight into the history of the organisation."

To celebrate its history the members of St John Council for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan will be holding a commemorative lunch on August 31 which is anticipated to be informative and entertaining.

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ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad: Y rhan o'r A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) y Barri o'r Ffwrnais Blacklands i'r gyffordd a'r ffordd i Moulton
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**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
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BARRY) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION)
(TEMPORARY) ORDER 2018**

On the 30th August 2018 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on the 3rd September 2018 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been compiled with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 3rd September 2018 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location: The section of A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) Barry from Blacklands Road to the junction with the road to Moulton
Reason: The restriction is being implemented to allow new road improvement works to take place.
Duration: From 10.00 Hours on Monday 3rd September 2018 for a maximum period of 18 months.

Dated this 30th day of August 2018
Director of Environment and Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA

Next stop Oxo Tower for Barry's Judith and the Silver Sketchers

READERS may recall the recent item about Judith Dutton, the Barry woman who rebuilt her life following a traumatic brain injury, and her association with the Silver Sketchers.

The Silver Sketchers is an art initiative of Silverlining brain injury charity, and Judith, and fellow Silver Sketcher Alex Hughes, had their portraits pencilled by acclaimed artist and *One Show* regular, Adebani Alade.

Judith takes up the story:

"Alex Hughes was 16 when, on holiday after his exams, he was attacked and spent many months in hospital. In fact, nine years on, he is still having operations.

"We have become very close friends as he is around the same age as my children; my life



Alex Hughes and Judith Dutton, with their portraits sketched by Adebani Alade.

changed six years ago, when I had lived much of my life; I feel for the younger ones who had not been able to do so before their injuries.

"But, with the help of the Silverlining group in Cardiff, serving the local area alongside another organisation, Headway, we have been able to ski, and attend this

wonderful sketching group which helps us all. "On August 22, we met at Chapter Arts Centre in Cardiff to watch the broadcast of *The One Show* with our film in it."

Judith said that she and other Silver Sketchers will be attending another exhibition of their art at the end of September, with a trip to the Oxo Tower in London where it art will be sold to raise money for brain injury charities.

To watch the edition of *The One Show* featuring Judith, Alex, and Adebani, go to: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0bg4xkh/he-one-show-22082018>.

Five green flags for group

WENVOE Wildlife Group are celebrating a record five Community Green Flag Awards from Keep Wales Tidy – more than any other village in Britain.

The newest award is for the Wild Orchard at St Lythans with some unusual trees such as wild pear, cherry plum, bullace and the chequers tree which was once used to flavour beer.

A spokesperson said: "The success is due to support from the local farming families and the Vale Council. Next year the group is aiming for six awards."

Mud warning

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Cllr Hodges continued: "It is not unreasonable to ask for full testing of this mud from Hinkley and it is not unreasonable to ask for the results to be independently checked."

Fellow Plaid Cymru councillor, Ian Johnson, added: "If there is something wrong with the contents of this mud being dredged from underneath a 50-year old nuclear power station, then it will impact upon the whole of the Severn, here on the south Wales coastline and on the other side."

Disposal operations were due to begin on August 16, but were postponed until a date yet to be announced.



Ellie, Tess and Quinn Dowling celebrate.

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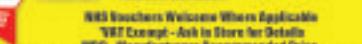
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Record GCSEs at St Cyres



FOLLOWING last week's outstanding A Level and Welsh Baccalaureate results, which saw St Cyres' students achieve the highest-ever results for the school, Year 11 GCSE students at St Cyres are celebrating another record set of GCSE results.

Headteacher Dr Jonathan Hicks commented: "Last week's A-Level results were superb and we were thrilled with the grades that our students achieved.

"This week our year-11 pupils have once again achieved record results in their GCSEs.

"Our Level 2 Plus (the percentage of pupils who achieve at least five GCSE passes, including English Language and Mathematics or Numeracy, and which is used as the major benchmark of achievement in Wales) has risen from 42 per cent last year to 62 per cent this year.

"This is truly phenomenal and represents the highest figure in the

school's history under the new school performance measures. In addition, 17 per cent of our pupils gained five or more A*-A grades – again the highest-ever figure for the school.

"I should like to pass on my warmest congratulations to all of our pupils and to publicly thank our tremendously committed and skilled staff for all their hard work this year.

"These two wonderful sets of results, plus our recent excellent Key Stage 3 results, all show that St Cyres School is providing an excellent education for local children.

"We are proud to serve the local community in our superb building and grounds, and will be endeavouring to achieve even greater success in 2019."

A large number of students are planning to join the Sixth Form at St Cyres School to study a wide range of AS and A Levels, plus the Welsh Baccalaureate. Enrolment takes place on Friday, August 24, from 8.30am to 10.30am. Students wishing to transfer to St Cyres should contact the sixth form office about entrance

requirements on 02920 352487.



Bally good show by ballet school



Big Lottery Fund open

THE Big Lottery Fund is seeking applications from groups in the Vale and to help, Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) has organised a day of pre-booked appointments with the Big Lottery Fund for its National Lottery Awards for All Wales (A4AW) and People and Places (P&P) programmes.

The Big Lottery funding surgery will be held at the Western Vale Integrated Children's Centre, Station Road, Llantwit

Major (CF61 1ST) (next to St Illtyd Primary School) on Tuesday, September 18. A4AW awards grants between £300 (medium) and £100,001 to £500,000 (large). Voluntary and community groups serving the Vale will be able to apply for a half-hour appointment with Big Lottery Fund advisors to discuss the eligibility of a potential application. Groups that wish to apply must be available any time between 9am and 5pm on September 18.

Further information is available on: www.gvs.wales/news/2018/08/big-lottery-fund-or-01446-741706, enquiries@gvs.wales.

THE Moya Vahey School of Russian Classical Ballet, based in BIJOU, Cowbridge held the annual end-of-year garden party in the Old Hall Gardens, Cowbridge.

Children from across the Vale from Barry to Portcawl, danced in the hot sunshine and entertained their family and friends.

Llewelyn Brown and Rachel Bent danced a *pas de deux*, they are pictured (above) by Gemma Griffiths.

Grateful thanks go to Pete Clinton, the Old Hall and The Pencil Case.

Some £333 was raised for Cancer Research Wales.

Moya Vahey

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Vale novelist Belinda Bauer.

Will Vale novelist's 'Snap' make the Man Booker shortlist?

VALE crime writer Belinda Bauer will find out shortly whether her novel *Snap* has made the Man Booker Prize shortlist for 2018.

In July, the longlist of 13 books was announced and it included 'Snap' which raised a few eyebrows because the Man Booker Prize is considered highbrow, and hasn't included crime stories in the past.

Belinda, who regularly attends literary events in the Vale, told The GEM that the nomination had come as a pleasant and unexpected surprise.

"I was amazed and delighted. Crime has never been recognised so this just didn't seem possible and I'm still getting over the shock.

"I think crime has been unfairly marginalized over many years, and not considered to be worthy of consideration by 'quality' readers.

"But as virtually every great book in history pivots on a crime of some sort, this modern disdain for the genre is a silly snobbery. I'm hoping that *Snap*'s nomination will be the thing that kicks down the door for all other crime writers to

feel ambitious for their books too."

Belinda shot to fame when she won the CWA Gold Dagger for her debut novel *Blacklands* in 2010. It was set in Exmoor and told the story of a 12-year-old boy whose family had been traumatised by the disappearance of his uncle – and how the youngster hopes to discover the truth by writing to a jailed serial killer.

Readers praised the book's originality, tense plot and evocation of a broken family; critics greeted an exciting new voice in crime fiction.

By the time she wrote her fourth novel set in south Wales – *Rubbernecker* – she had established a reputation as a leading crime writer. 'Rubbernecker' landed her the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year award in 2014.

Snap tells the story of a teenage boy's attempt to track down his mother's killer. Belinda explained: "It's about three children trying to survive after

their mother is murdered and their father abandons them."

"The oldest boy, Jack,

is trying to keep the family together by keeping them all hidden, but when he discovers the knife that he believes killed his mother, he is forced to risk everything by going to the police."

The advent of online

bookellers has meant

readers often leave their

own book review on a

site. It's something

Belinda welcomes.

"I read every review – and am grateful that people take the time to write them, good or bad. Sometimes I understand why people haven't liked a book, and – if I think they have a valid point – I try to do better."

The Man Booker Prize

winner receives a cheque

for £50,000 but more

important is the publicity

it generates for the

person chosen and

follow-on sales.

The longlist is reduced

to six books in

September and the

winner is announced on

Tuesday, October 16.

Vale schools rise above national average for GCSEs

VALE of Glamorgan schools have once again produced an outstanding examination performance, with pupils from the county posting the highest ever percentage of A* and A GCSE grades, reported a Vale council spokesman.

Following on from last week's A-Level success, 26.9 per cent of GCSE results were within these top two categories, an increase of 2.5 per cent on last year, and 8.4 per cent above the Welsh national average.

Nearly 70 per cent of all entries achieved grades A* to C, compared to a Wales average of 61.6 per cent, which represents a 1.3 per cent improvement on 2017.

The proportion of pupils awarded grades A* to G is 97.2 per cent, also above the Welsh average of 96.4 per cent.

A host of Vale schools

also achieved

noteworthy individual

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of results as 48 per cent of students achieved five A* or A grades and 87.7 per cent gained five grades A* to C, including English and Mathematics.

At Stanwell, 82.6 per cent of pupils gained five A* to C grades, including English and Mathematics, while Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, St Richard Gwyn and St Cyres all saw performance improve across a number of measures.

These accomplishments come a week after Vale schools also enjoyed significant A-Level triumphs, when the proportion of pupils achieving top grades rose and many other performance indicators

were also significantly above the Welsh average.

"Such strong GCSE results indicate there are a large number of Vale pupils with extremely bright futures in front of them and I wish you all every success as you embark on the next step of that journey."

ArtSpace invitation

THE artists and sculptors of Canonhill ArtSpace studios (Canon Street, Barry) are opening their doors to reveal their working environment.

Entry is free and the studios will be open Saturday and Sunday, September 1-2, 12pm to 4pm.

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With a mission to be a sustainable airport business generating significant economic benefit for Wales, the airport must be integrated into both local and national planning.

Cardiff Airport is inviting local residents to attend a public engagement event in September.

The first will take place on Thursday, September 6, at Cardiff Story Museum, The Old Library, Cardiff CF10 1BH, 4pm to 7pm. There will be an opportunity to come along informally to view plans and submit feedback, with a presentation and Q&A session taking place from 6pm.

The second event will take place on Friday, September 7, at Barry Library, CF63 4RW, 9am to 1pm, with a presentation and Q&A session from 12 noon.

Cardiff Airport aims to grow from the current 1.5 million passengers per annum to three million and beyond.

Facilities must therefore meet the needs of the increased passenger numbers but also meet and exceed modern traveller's expectations.

All growth must be balanced with local environmental and social concerns, with the Airport recognising the important role sustainability plays in the future vision.

The masterplan highlights include:

- International Gateway – build upon

our efficient, safe and secure 24/7 operation; deliver greater capacity to grow to three million passengers per annum and beyond; attract new airlines, secure new routes and more choice for customers travelling to and from the region; diversify the airport to create and develop opportunities for aviation, cargo, education, technology and innovation.

- *A unique place* – create a public realm for the community to enjoy; excite customers before they fly and those arriving to Wales; link businesses across the Airport campus, supporting the region and Enterprise Zone; support education with a place to learn and innovate.

- *New terminal* – enhance our unique identity as the gateway to Wales, creating a memorable first and last impression; ensure ease of access for all; enhance our customer experience with best in class facilities, including SMART technology; develop our 'green' credentials to meet our environmental and social commitments.

- *New four-star hotel* – develop the first on-site hotel; offer more choice in local accommodation for customers; offer business meeting and conference facilities; provide a convenient base for visitors to explore the region.

- *New transport hub and car park* – Offer greater travel choice for customers, the community and the airport team and active travel; offer an improved integrated transport facility; develop a new multi-storey car park close to the terminal building; offer new services to enhance the customer experience.

A final Masterplan will be launched in autumn 2018.

For more information visit: cardiff-airport.com/masterplan2040.

Thumbs up for wild flowers

ONE of the first actions of Barry's newest environmental group was to praise the Vale Council for sowing wild flowers on some of their roundabouts and public parks.

Barry Action for Nature said it wanted to compliment the Vale Council for recognising the importance of the environment's pollinators.

Bumblebees, honey bees, butterflies and moths play a vital role in the lives of us all by pollinating crops. Since the 1930s, it is estimated that we have lost 97 per cent of flower-rich meadows, leaving pollinators hungry and homeless.

Pollinators are vital to creating and maintaining the ecosystems that many animals rely on, including humans. They also assist in the reproduction of 90 per cent of the world's flowering plants.

Founder and coordinator of Barry Action for Nature, Rob Curtis, said: "It is important to praise the Vale Council when they get things right. Even though we have just gone through one of the hottest summers on record, many of our wild flower patches have recovered and are now supporting our insect life, which in

turn benefits all the other species as well. Well done!"

"Formal planting of colourful flowers may look nice to humans but often they are a desert for our pollinators, offering no or very little pollen and nectar."

"It is much better to plant wild flowers, which in turn supports honey bees, bumble bees, butterflies and moths."

"We must all set aside areas, whether in our garden, at work or in our parks, for our pollinators. Native wild flower mixes are easily purchased online often very cheaply but their value to our wildlife is priceless."

FIRST MEETING

THE first meeting of Barry Action for Nature will take place at Highlight Park Community Centre, Sterling Road, Barry, CF62 8NS on Wednesday, September 5, starting at 6pm and lasting for one hour.

All members (and potential members) are invited to attend to help plan our future campaigns and voluntary work.

Pupils maintain high pass record



Headteacher Mr Price with Nia Brown from Cowbridge and Brennig Davies from Dinas Powys.

PUPILS, parents and teachers at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg are celebrating excellent A-Level examination results this year as the school achieved a pass rate of 96.2 per cent of pupils attaining an E grade or above in two or more A-Level subjects (Level 3 threshold).

Of all entries, 80.6 per cent were graded at A*-C while 34.1 per cent of all grades were A* or A (an improvement of 5.9 per cent on 2017).

The school takes pride in the success of all pupils who have reached their potential and have worked tirelessly to achieve their results.

The Skills Challenge Certificate is a particular strength of the school with all pupils benefitting from refining a wide variety of skills.

88 per cent of pupils gained A*-B grades with 53 per cent gaining A*-A. All BTEC grades were graded at Distinction*.

Congratulations go to all pupils on their results and in particular, Niclas Want for gaining 3 A* and 1 A, Brennig Davies (4A*) and Nia Brown (3A*) ensuring places at Oxford studying English Literature and Jessica Gulliver on her 3 A* grades and A* in the Skills Challenge Certificate.

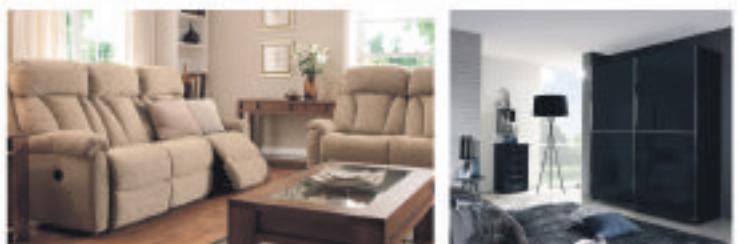
Llinos Jones secured 2 A* and 1 A grade and will study at the Royal Northern College of Music, while Manon Ogwen Parry has secured a scholarship to study music at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Congratulations to all the pupils and staff, and the school wishes all pupils every success for the future.

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We want to know your feedback on our plans by September 14th 2018. For more information on our Masterplan, upcoming public events and to submit your views visit: cardiff-airport.com/masterplan2040

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PUBLIC EVENT

Thursday 6th September: Cardiff Story Museum, The Old Library, Cardiff, CF10 1BH
16.00 - 19.00 presentation with Q&A from 18.00

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Local schoolboy lands scholarship to Yale University

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Twm Aled, third from right, celebrates completing the summer school with fellow Yale Young Global Scholars.

WELSH St Donats schoolboy Twm Aled is celebrating an unique double this summer.

He returned from a scholarship at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, to pick up his GCSE results last week at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in Barry.

Twm was successful in gaining a place on the Yale Young Global Scholarship scheme – an internationally renowned summer school attended by students aged 15-17 from more than 150 nations.

At the Ivy League university he studied biomedical sciences and made friends from around the globe.

Notable Yale alumni include Hillary Clinton, George W Bush and

Aled Huw

St Athan visit for aviation society

PENARTH Aviation Society recently paid an evening visit to St Athan airfield as guests of the 634 Volunteer Gliding Squadron.

Having cleared security, we were met by Sqn Ldr Idwal Jones who gave us an interesting outline of the history of the Air Training Corps and specifically the school at St Athan.

He then told us how cadets are given initial training from the age of 13½ yrs. The training at St Athan is entirely ground-based. This starts with lectures about the aircraft's controls and the effect they have on the aircraft.

After this they progress to a very realistic flight simulator. This allows the cadet to experience flying a Grob109 aircraft (known as a Vigilant in the RAF) without having to leave the ground.

After the completion of the training courses the cadets are assessed and the best are selected to fly the Vigilant for real at RAF Syerston. The very best of these can look forward to a successful career in aviation.

The PAS members who attended were able to sample the experience that is available in the simulator. 'Flights' were made from St Athan to Cardiff and Swansea airports and all the members agreed how realistic the experience is.

Our visit was arranged by the former head of 634 VGS, Ed Griffith – our thanks to him for a splendid evening. The next upcoming visit is to the Air Museum at RAF Cosford in September.

Further information may be found on our website: www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk.

ADVERTORIAL FEATURE

Julia gets her life back after a year of trauma

ACARER to her disabled son James, Julia Elliot found herself hitting rock bottom when in September 2014 she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

She had a double mastectomy followed by chemotherapy. During her chemotherapy, her son James was admitted to hospital and, sadly, passed away from sepsis. Julia was in utter turmoil as she carried on with her treatment.

In that short period of five months, Julia's life had become unrecognisable to her. She had lost her son, breasts, hair, job and purpose. Unsurprisingly she was diagnosed with PTSD. She became a recluse and had lost all hope. She couldn't face the world.

It was too hard, so instead she turned to food as her comfort. The more she ate, the more unhappy with her body she became and the stones piled on. But she was in a vicious circle and she couldn't see any way out.

Her husband, Steve, took her on a dream holiday to try and make her feel better but when returning home, she felt worse. The holiday photos left her distraught, she had to try and take control.

She was a fighter, and it was this that finally pushed her to walk through the doors at Slimming World.

Julia said: "The

hardest part was forcing myself to walk through the door in June 2017 on my very first night, with my head held low. I felt so insignificant, with nothing to offer.

"However, the group welcomed me with open arms, a cuppa and with no judgement and oodles of support.

"I loved the lifestyle changes that Slimming World gave me. I was eating bigger portions of food than my husband,



"It would be a different life, but it could still be rewarding and we could still take James with us. As long as we remember his gorgeous happy personality, he will never leave us."

Julia's son Tom has a life mantra 'Everything Inspires Me' and she decided to adopt it too.

Wanting to give back, Julia aimed to help others achieve their dreams and is now a Slimming World consultant and re-launching her first group on Wednesday, September 5, at the All Saints' Church Hall in Victoria Square, Penarth at 5pm.

She's finally recovered her sense of purpose and worth and is really excited to show others what can be achieved if they believe in themselves – after all, we are all in this together.

Life's challenges can prevent us from being the people we deserve to be and walking through the doors of a Slimming World group is the very first step to better mental and physical health.

With Julia beside you, you will find a warm, friendly and uplifting group to keep you coming back week after week and achieving your dreams too.

Julia can be contacted on: 07718 284171.

If you would like more information on the role of being a Slimming World Consultant, contact Martin Woodsford on 07827 445570. The next information sharing event is on Sunday, September 9 at the Mercurie Hotel in Swansea 10am – 12.30pm. Contact Martin to book your seat and you are welcome to bring a friend.

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Out & About with The GEM

BlacKkKlansman is Spike Lee's most vital film in over a decade...

CINEMA is a perfect place for stories so incredible you could scarcely believe they were true.

This can most certainly be said about Spike Lee's latest film, *BlacKkKlansman* which is based on a true story from the early 1970s.

Ron Stallworth (John David Washington) is the first African-American police officer to serve in the Colorado Springs Police Department, and with a desire to prove himself, he sets out to infiltrate the Ku Klux Klan.

Teaming up with fellow officer Flip Zimmerman (Adam Driver), the pair go undercover and aim to take down the group, led by David Duke (Topher Grace), an aim that is easier said than done...

While still undoubtedly prolific, Spike Lee has gone almost a decade without making a film that has truly scared its way onto the cinema-going public.

2006 was his box office high point with *Inside Man* (perhaps his most mainstream offering), but since then while Lee's films have explored important themes, they haven't connected with the masses in the same way.

All that changes with *BlacKkKlansman*, a film that on the surface could be played for frivolity and certainly doesn't lack in humour, but it's also a film that is politically and culturally of the moment, the 1970s-set story all too sadly relevant in 2018.

Lee isn't a director known to soft-soap anything, but here he dialls down the abrasiveness and strikes a tone that has a lightness of touch on subject matter that is definitely hard-hitting.

There is, of course, inherent humour in an African-American infiltrating the Ku Klux Klan (over a telephone wire at least), but while the Klan are played as malevolent fools, there's a constant undercurrent of their hate that always

reins in the danger of it falling too far towards comedy.

There is one scene in particular that shows this extremely well; Lee cuts between the Klan getting ready for a ritualistic ceremony in their pomp and an old man (played by Harry Belafonte) recounting the true story of a young man who, found 'guilty' of rape, was beaten, tortured and repeatedly set alight – the juxtaposition is sublimely done, but extremely difficult to watch.

He has a cast that is extremely impressive across the board, most notably John David Washington and Adam Driver. As the two sides of Ron Stallworth they are excellent; Driver, as Zimmerman, we're more than aware of, his detective investigating his way through the Klan with seemingly nary a consideration for himself, though Driver tells you, through his eyes, that all is balanced on a knife edge.

Washington, though, is a new find. Son of



by
GARETH JAMIESON

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Denzel and a regular on TV series *Ballers*, here he shows a charisma and swagger that screams leading man and he more than holds his own alongside his more experienced cast mates.

His determination to make a name for himself other than being the first African-American police officer in Colorado Springs is what draws

him towards the Klan, and Washington beautifully captures a man pushing himself to do the right thing in the face of adversity, both in the police and the world he has infiltrated.

Laura Harrier

impresses as Patrice, a student activist who Ron falls for and who gives him direction when he needs it the most, while Topher Grace, as the Klan's leader, is strong, describing how he plans to make America great again (where have we heard that before?) and Corey Hawkins' small, but captivating, turn as Kwame Ture is rabblerousing.

There is a lingering feeling that Lee has held back a little bit at times. Certainly how this story reflects into the future, and our present day, raises a few saddened laughs (the notion that a man like David Duke could become the president, laughed at by Stallworth), but there are times when you feel that Lee should have added a little more bite to

proceedings.

VERDICT – Spike Lee's most powerful and all-reaching film in many a year, *BlacKkKlansman* is an extraordinary story told with humour but with the knowledge that the events of nearly 50 years ago still, sadly, have currency today.

The performances, particularly from leads John David Washington and Adam Driver, are exemplary, and Lee seems more vital than ever in this wholly compelling true story.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Malcolm X* (1992), *Get Out* (2017).

What's on and where in your area?

Councillor's surgery

CLLR Carolyn Webster, Welsh Conservative Councillor for the Newcastle Ward, Bridgend would like to invite residents to her monthly surgery in Bridgend Library, Halo Recreation Centre, Bridgend on Saturday, September 1 between 10am and 12pm.

No appointment is necessary. Should you wish to contact Carolyn outside of this time, her telephone number is 07743 574786 or you can email her at cllr.carolyn.webster@bridgend.gov.uk.

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Councillors' surgery

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This year's festival is taking place on Sunday, September 23, at the Kymion on Beach Road, a location popular with both traders and festival goers.

First held in 2011, the event fast became a popular and much-anticipated fixture on the town's annual calendar, attracting large crowds of locals and visitors.

The performances, particularly from leads John David Washington and Adam Driver, are exemplary, and Lee seems more vital than ever in this wholly compelling true story.

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wide variety of hot food on offer from local restaurants and caterers.

Vegetarians and vegans will also be well catered for.

This year GPG's 'Shop Penarth' loyalty card scheme will be marking the anniversary of the scheme's relaunch at last year's festival and unveiling some exciting new developments on the Shop Penarth (SP) stand.

Also present at the event will be the Plastic Free Penarth campaign with a stand highlighting the issue of plastic pollution and offering examples of sustainable alternatives.

Launched by GPG earlier this year the campaign aims to help reduce the use of polluting single use plastics in Penarth and help the town achieve 'Plastic Free' status as part of the Surfers against Sewage national 'Plastic Free' Communities' campaign.

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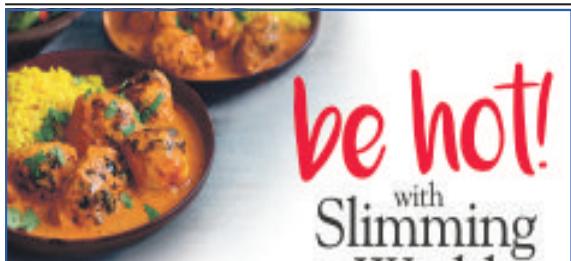
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GEM reader uncovers faces from the past



SEEING the photo titled 'Portrait unearthed at The GEM' at the bottom of page 26 in August 16 GEM prompts me to send you the attached photos.

I have 12 glass plate negatives, possibly, and

probably dating from the mid-1800s. Two are of Cardiff Castle and 10 are of people including children. I have been able to scan these and invert them in photoshop to produce positives. Most of the images would have been taken in a photographer's studio.

I am guessing that the people are members of a presumably well-off family living in or near Cardiff. I attach one photo of the husband, wife and two children, another of the husband with maybe his brother and one of Cardiff Castle.

Are any of your readers with historical knowledge able to identify them?

I live in Dinas Powys.
Roger Pattenden,
Dinas Powys.

A clean slate at CAVC

CARDIFF and Vale College is in partnership with the Construction Youth Trust, BAM Nuttall, The Wallach BOSS project, Cardiff Prison, Acorn Recruitment and Careers Wales in the delivery of the Clean Slate Cymru pilot project.

The project aims to support ex-offenders scheduled for release, preparing them to enter employment in the construction industry, while also challenging the perception of hiring ex-offenders as part of the workforce.

Regeneration and infrastructure is a key strategic theme of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, and other large capital expenditure projects are also underway and in planning. CITB report expected employment growth of 2.7 per cent in Wales in comparison to a UK average of 0.6 per cent.

In light of this, construction companies are taking advantage of what a spokesperson, putting a very positive spin on it, termed "... a vast resource" in ex-offenders leaving prison in search of employment.

Over two weeks, staff at the college helped to deliver employability classes to the offenders in the prison's education suite. Talks were also given on careers in construction and apprenticeship opportunities.

FUW challenge raises vital funds for charities



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Community Network (FCN). Tackling the 1,085 metre giant, some of them three times in a row, £1,344 was raised.

FUW president Glyn Roberts said: "This was another fantastic challenge staff and members set themselves to raise money for our charities. Thanks go to the team, who either walked or were involved in a supporting role, for their continued support and excellent effort."

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UPPER OGMORE PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS WIND FARM & ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT



TUESDAY

4th September 2018

10 am to 2 pm

Gwynfi Miners Hall, Jersey Road, Blaengwynfi,
SA13 3TE

4pm to 8pm

Nantymoel RFC, 82-84
Ogwy Street, Nantymoel,
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WEDNESDAY

5th September 2018

10 am to 2 pm

Cwmparc Community Centre & Parc Hall, Parc Road, Cwmparc, CF42 6LD

4pm to 8pm

Blaengarw Workmen's Hall,
Blaengarw, CF32 8AW

RES, a company with strong Welsh links, is proposing a wind farm and energy storage project at Upper Ogmore, between Abergwynfi, Blaengarw and Nant-y-moel, in Bridgend County. It is anticipated that the wind farm could be capable of generating approximately 25 MW (megawatts) of clean, green and renewable electricity – enough to power approximately 21,000 homes*.

We would welcome the opportunity to update you on our proposals for Upper Ogmore. We will be holding a second series of public exhibitions in September to enable people to find out more and provide us with their views. As part of the exhibitions we will also be consulting on plans relating to the Commons Act 2006.

If you cannot attend, comments on the proposal must be provided by phone 029 2002 1074 or writing to Chris Jackson, Project Manager via email at upperogmore@res-group.com or by post at RES, Cedar House, Greenwood Close, Cardiff Gate Business Park, Cardiff, CF23 8RD.

Persons submitting comments in response to the Pre-Application Consultation are advised that comments submitted to RES at this time are not representations to the determining authority; there will be an opportunity to submit representations to the determining authority should a planning application be made. The homes equivalent figure has been calculated by taking the predicted annual electricity generation of the site (based on RES studies Upper Ogmore has a predicted capacity factor of approximately 40%) and dividing this by the annual average electricity consumption figures from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy 2018 (3,781 kWh).

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R & D JEWELLER'S ANTIQUE ROADSHOW

Couple receive cash award for unwanted items



A LOCAL couple this week had a very lucky day when visiting R & D Jeweller's Antique Roadshow. Like most households they had a drawer full of bits and bobs including an old gent's watch from approximately 1930. The watch was working but had left to them. A selection of old, broken and incomplete rings and a few odd items of unusual jewellery were also included.

"The young couple were delighted with the good news," said Mr Harding, a professional jeweller. He went on to say, "The couple asked me not to reveal the exact amount they received but I can confirm we are talking thousands of pounds."

HIDDEN TREASURE

Like most readers you probably have dreamt about winning the pools or finding a pot of gold.

Many households have hidden treasure sitting around with the owners not knowing the true value. Well, this week is your chance to visit Barry & Sully. Mr Harding added, "With many years of experience in valuing and purchasing watches, jewellery and gems, I could tell you many stories when people

have visited a roadshow with items that were seemingly of little value to them." Whilst reading this article, many readers will be thinking of an old item or a piece of unused jewellery.

VALUATION

Mr Harding added, "The reasons behind choosing Barry is because it's well situated and well known to local people. The roadshow will be the last of its kind to visit the area. Many items are hoped to be found." Your help is needed to make this unusual event a success with a free valuation service and no obligation to sell, what is there to lose?

Things you should look for and take next week include broken rings, old chains, pocket watches,

old silver, diamond and gem set jewellery (even with stones missing), old pictures, objects d'art, coins, medals and virtually anything old or interesting. Their buyers urgently require stock for collectors and overseas customers, and are offering an instant cash settlement on any items they buy.

No matter how large or small your find, you will be pleasantly surprised by their cash offer, but remember the roadshow is for 2 days only at:

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Proud of Cathedral School's 'strongest set of GCSE results'



Celebration time at The Cathedral School, Cardiff.

FOLLOWING last week's A-Level results, the Cathedral School is once again celebrating exceptional GCSE results.

A school spokesperson said: "An outstanding 49 per cent of grades were the equivalent of A* or above (England Pathway), with 69 per cent of all grades at A*/A. An incredible one third of our pupils secured 8 A* grades or above, and 100 per cent of pupils achieved at least five GCSE grades A*-C, 77 per cent with 5 A

grades or better.

"Top performers who scored exclusively A*/A included Archie Baxter, James Bibey, Erin James and Maya Rollnick, and Bryn Lloyd.

The head of the Cathedral School, Mrs Clare Sherwood said: "I was absolutely delighted to congratulate the pupils this morning on one of the strongest sets of GCSE results in the school's history.

"Following our continued success at A-Level last week, we are thrilled that year-11 have risen to the challenge of the new,

demanding qualifications. That they have done so well is testament to their talent, resilience, hard work and the excellent teaching at the Cathedral School.

"I am incredibly proud of our pupils and teachers who work so hard to make the Cathedral School such a wonderful school with so many academic and co-curricular opportunities.

"I am very much looking forward to welcoming our new sixth form at the beginning of September."

ADVERTORIAL FEATURE

MajorPride event aims to leave a lasting legacy across the Vale



The Old White Hart will be renamed The 'Rainbow Hart' for MajorPride 2018.

MAJORPRIDE is on Saturday, September 1 and Labour's prospective parliamentary candidate Belinda Loveluck-Edwards has been named as the inaugural ambassador for the coming year.

Belinda has been working closely with the organisers of MajorPride and she hopes her role will ensure the event is only the start of a long-term legacy for residents of the Vale.

She will officially open the MajorPride

pop-up store and information centre in Llantwit Major at 9.30am on Saturday.

She said: "I am honoured to have helped Rhodri Ellis Owen bring Pride to the Vale and I am committed to helping throughout the year as its first MajorPride ambassador.

"I know the organisers have been overwhelmed with support from the community and businesses for MajorPride, the first ever Pride event in the Vale.

"While we want to make MajorPride an annual event, what is as important is the legacy of this event in helping to break down barriers to promoting and accepting diversity throughout the year.

"The Vale of Glamorgan is a lovely place to live, work and visit but we must not forget that for some they need to be supported in their sexuality and identity on a daily basis and that is an ongoing project."

Rhodri Ellis Owen, on behalf of MajorPride said: "Belinda has been a great champion of MajorPride from day one and her support has been invaluable in helping make it work and I'm happy she has accepted to be our first ambassador.

"Plans for the day are shaping up well and local businesses have been queuing up to get our bunting and decorate their shops and I am so grateful to them for their

support. "Judges will be visiting the shops on Friday, August 31 and will decide which is the best decorated store.

"We now have a full timetable that starts with a Ska concert and lights switch-on on Friday night (August 31) in the Rainbow Hart (readers may know it better as the Old White Hart) which has been renamed in honour of the event.

"On the big day on Saturday, September 1, our pop-up store in Bovertown Road (the Install a Stove shop) will be officially opened by Belinda at 9.30am.

"The pop-up store will be the place to go to pick up information maps for the day as well as buy our T-shirts, badges and other Pride merchandise.

"Most activities will take place around town between 11am and 3pm with exhibitors in the Llantwit Hall, a Wellness and Community zone in St Illtud's Church, a dog show and a classic car display and convoy around the town.

"Llantwit Major rugby team will be wearing rainbow laces in their first match of the season and the day continues with live music at the Rainbow Tavern from 3pm to 9pm, followed by an evening at the Tudor Tavern of classic disco hits with entertainment from Mary Golds, one of the UK's top drag performers."

Police on show at Sully open day



BRIDGEND and the Vale of Glamorgan's Annual Police Open Day was held recently and was once again a great success.

Around 1,500 visitors turned up to the Sully Sports and Social Club on Saturday to get a glimpse of the work carried out by South Wales Police and its various partner agencies, including South Wales Fire and Rescue Service and HM Coastguard.

Police dogs, traffic cars and armed response demonstrations once again proved a big attraction, as well as drone displays. Officers were on hand to show how the latest technology is being used by police including automatic facial recognition technology.

Sergeant Mark John said: "It was an absolutely fantastic day which gave us and our partners the opportunity of showing the work being done on a daily basis to keep our communities safe.

"There was a real sense of community spirit on the day and that's what these events are all about. It was

great to see members of the public engaging with officers at such a fun event.

"I would like to thank everyone who attended and the planning team who made the event such a success."

There were a variety of fun activities for families to enjoy including tug of war games. Around 19 Police Youth volunteers were also part of the open day.

Sergeant Angela Bennett added: "Police Support Volunteers, Special Constables and Police Youth Volunteers were deployed at our Police Open Day in Sully, to help police the area, keep it safe and at the same time promote volunteering within the force.

"Their duties included traffic control, patrols of the area, engagement with the public and providing information on crime prevention and volunteering.

"We value volunteers, citizens from within the communities we serve, who want to get involved in the issues which directly affect them, and appreciate the range of skills experience and local knowledge they bring to our service."

GCSEs complete a 'fabulous' year at Christ College



Erica Morgan, Sacha Pearson and Alice Edwards.

CHRIST College Brecon is celebrating remarkable success at GCSE after pupils sat the full suite of linear GCSEs with increased content and no coursework or modules.

Despite concerns nationally about how pupils would cope with this form of assessment, Christ College pupils have achieved some outstanding results, with an overall 94 per cent pass rate.

The new GCSEs are graded 9-1 with grade 9 classified as a super ** grade and 8 as the old A*. The cohort achieved 31 per cent at grades 8 or 9, and 52 per cent of all grades were 7, 8 and 9.

In English literature, 12 candidates achieved a level 9 (31 per cent of all

entries). In history, 20 per cent of entries were at grade 9 with 29 per cent of entries at the same level in religious studies.

The best performance in the school came from Erica Morgan from Monmouth who achieved 8 grade 9s and one grade 8.

Gareth Pearson, the head of Christ College, commented: "This is a fantastic set of results. I am especially proud of how well our pupils and staff coped with the challenging transition from the old GCSE syllabus to the new system."

"This completes a fabulous year for Christ College Brecon with five 'Excellent' in our November Estyn Inspection, 20 per cent A*'s in our A-Level results and now 31 per cent 8/9 in our GCSE results."



"It is an honour to be the first MajorPride ambassador. Have a great day everybody!"
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THE month of September is a busy time in the calendar of Macmillan Cancer Care fundraisers, as it marks the launch of the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'.

This year's official coffee morning day is Friday, September 28, although people can choose their own date.

It is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. A Macmillan spokeswoman said: "We ask people all over the UK to host their own coffee mornings and donations on the day help fund our many services.

"Last year alone we raised over £27 million and together we can make this another successful year."

The first ever coffee morning was in 1990. It was a rather small affair with a simple idea – guests would gather over coffee and donate the cost of their cuppa to Macmillan in the process.

It worked, and was

repeated the next year – only this time nationally. Since then, all those coffee mornings have raised over £200 million for Macmillan.

The spokeswoman continued: "Hosting your own coffee morning is easy. All you have to do is sign up on <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk> and we'll get your kit to you."

"In the meantime we have plenty of posters and games for you to download on our top tips page ready to host your event.

"Having a coffee morning is the perfect chance to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something delicious for a great cause."

"One in two of us will face cancer, and the money you raise will help us make sure no one has to face it alone.

"We understand how cancer can affect people's whole lives – health, money, family, job; everything. And, after more than 100 years of caring, we understand that the most important thing is to treat people as individuals, not patients.

"So we take the time to understand the support people need to live their lives as fully as they can. From the moment of diagnosis and whenever we're most needed, we're here to help people find their best way through.

"Our help is totally focused on each individual person, so everyone receives the support that's best for them.

"We're here for you too. For information, support or just someone to talk to, call us free on 0808 808 00 00 (Monday to Friday, 9am

to 8pm)."

She added: "We're proud to have M&S as our headline partner for the ninth year."

"At M&S, there will be a fantastic range of coffee morning treats from cakes, biscuits, cake mixes and limited edition mugs.

"All these goodies will be available exclusively at M&S stores in September. With every purchase, the company will make a donation to Macmillan so we can be there for more people living with cancer."

Long jumper Greg Rutherford is showing his support for the Macmillan Coffee Morning 2018 by sharing the recipe for his salted caramel and peanut brittle 'Long Jump' showstopper – here is how to make it...

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4.

Grease two 20cm x 4.5cm deep cake tins with plenty of butter, and line the bases with baking paper. Boil the kettle.

Measure all the ingredients for the cake into a large mixing bowl and, using an electric whisk or wooden spoon, beat together until smooth.

Measure 250ml of boiling water into a jug and add to the cake batter a little at a time, beating well after each addition. Divide the mixture between the cake tins and bake for 25-30 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Leave the cakes to cool in their tins, on a wire rack.

Meanwhile make the icing. Put the sugar, double cream and 80g of the butter into a saucepan and set over medium heat. Allow the butter to melt, then turn up the heat and bring to the boil – stirring constantly. Allow to boil for one to two minutes, then remove from the heat and leave the butterscotch sauce to cool completely.

For the peanut brittle topping, oil a lined baking tray and set aside. Put the sugar and two tablespoons of water into a small saucepan. Set over a low heat and allow the sugar to dissolve – do not stir. Once the sugar has completely dissolved, turn up the heat and bring to the boil. Let it

bubble and turn a dark amber colour – this could take 10-20 minutes, watch over it at all times.

When it reaches dark amber throw in the peanuts and stir to coat them with the caramel, then quickly pour onto the greased baking tray and leave to cool until solid.

Once the butterscotch sauce is completely cool finishing making the icing. Put the remaining butter into a bowl and, using an electric whisk, beat until pale and fluffy – you could also do this in a freestanding mixer using the whisk attachment.

With the whisk still going, gradually pour in the butterscotch sauce and continue whisking until the icing is light and pale in colour.

Finally, stir through the salt.

To assemble the cake, place one of the chocolate sponges onto a cake stand, then spread over half the butter-cream icing.

Gently place the other

cake on top and spoon over the remaining butter-cream, creating swirls as you go.

To finish, put the peanut brittle into the small bowl of a food processor and roughly blitz to create your sand, then sprinkle on top of the cake to create a 'long jump pit'. You could also pile the blitzed brittle in the centre of the cake or scatter it evenly over the surface.

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The English Speaking Union enjoys its summer garden party at Fonmon Castle



Sir Brooke Boothby, Lady Inkin, Wyn Calvin, Liz Stokes, Derek Morgan.



Jeff James; Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, David Morris, Dr Shanh Ng.



Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, Byron Lewis, Morfudd Meredith, Peter Beck: a quartet of Lord Lieutenants past and present. (Byron is LL of West Glamorgan.)



Jan Purchell, Stephen Purchell, Liz Stokes.



Josephine Knapp, Peter Knapp, Pam Haines.

Elisabeth heads for Vale

PRINCESS Elisabeth, the 16-year-old heir to the Belgian throne, is to study the International Baccalaureate at Atlantic College in the Vale.

She is the eldest child of King Philippe and Queen Mathilde.

Princess Elisabeth will join students at St Donats from around the world.

The college, founded in 1962, is committed to making education a force to unite people, nations and cultures

for peace and a sustainable future.

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MEMBERS of the south Wales branch of the English Speaking Union once again basked in the sunshine at Fonmon Castle as they enjoyed their traditional summer garden party.

This was truly an evening to remember with Beppe Villa dispensing the delicacies of his Fresh Food Company, the ladies of Bridgend Soroptimists offering mystic packages in return for loose lolly, and a brass quartet from the Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Orchestra providing musical merriment.

Lady Inkin, branch vice-chairman and her fellow judges faced a sartorial

challenge in choosing the lady and gentleman with the Most Appealing Summer Garden Party Attire, but much deliberation led to Liz Stokes and Wyn Calvin each receiving a bottle of vintage Champagne donated as usual by the host Sir Brooke Boothby.

As guests slowly meandered away at the close of festivities the unanimous wish was that we would be able to return again next year.

The next meeting of the ESU South

Wales Branch is the AGM and lunch

at Cardiff City Stadium on Tuesday,

September 18, with Lord Jonathan

Evans, former Head of MIS, as guest

speaker. Further details from Derek

Morgan, branch chairman, on 01656

669129 or esuswb@googlemail.com.

New black bag limit is imminent

CHANGES to Vale Council black bag household waste collections are set to be introduced early next week in an effort to boost the county's recycling performance, said a council spokesperson.

From September 3, households will be able to put a maximum of two black bags of waste for collection every fortnight.

Standard size black bags need to be used as extra-large bags and wheelie bin liners will not be collected.

There will be no change to collection days and residents can put out as much dry, food and garden recycling as they have.

Additional recycling

containers can be obtained from Barry, Cowbridge, Llantrisant and Penarth libraries, as well as some smaller libraries and the Council's Alps depot in Wenvoe.

Using a lockable caddy, compostable bags and weekly food waste recycling collection instead of storing waste in black bags can help control smells and keep pests out.

Cllr Geoff Cox, the Vale Council cabinet member for

neighbourhood services and transport, said: "We

need to increase the amount that we recycle in the Vale. We

currently recycle 64 per cent of our waste, which is really good, but we

need to recycle 70 per cent by 2024/25 to meet the Welsh Government's mandatory targets. If

these targets are not achieved the council may be fined.

"We have found that over 60 per cent of the waste put out in black bags in the Vale can be recycled through services provided by the Council. We want householders who don't recycle to start and

those who currently recycle more by focusing on items from around the home.

"For example, shampoo bottles and aerosols from the bathroom, aftershave and perfume bottles from the bedroom etc. This will help us to increase the amount we recycle across the county.

"While the targets give us a focus and something to work towards, the change is not just about targets, it is about becoming recycling focused as a county."

A number of other councils have seen an increase in recycling rates after introducing restrictions to black bag waste.

Since making the move, Bridgend has overtaken the Vale to emerge as one of the best performing authorities in Wales in this area, while Anglesey, who also operate a restricted residual waste policy, are another near the top of the pile.

It is possible to apply for additional bags if six or more people live in a household or in cases where a large amount of non-recyclable waste is produced, by pets or in the form of nappies, for example. Such waste can be double bagged to reduce odour.

Requests must come after attempts have been made to keep to the restriction and a warden may visit to discuss individual needs.

Ash from a coal fire may also be placed in an additional black bag but it must not contain anything else, be clearly labelled, not heavy; cold and the council must be informed to expect such waste.

Vale Council

Snowy in late summer

SNOWY is a five-year-old Lurcher who is very special.

She has lots of energy despite having only three legs. She adores a cuddle and likes to sit on your lap.

The training team are currently working on her doggy socialising skills and also focusing on her recall, as Snowy is deaf and needs that extra help.

She is looking for a home where owners can dedicate time to focus on her training needs.

She can live with children seven years and over, if they are used to dogs. Snowy has heaps of personality and deserves to find a home.



A spokesperson said: "You can also check if you would like to out Snowy's video on our website: then contact Dogs Trust www.dogstrust.org.uk/re Bridgend on 01656 600m in g / 725219; or pop down to dogs/dog/filters/bri~~~ the centre at Court ~n~/1197380/snowy." Colman CF31 4NG.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a llai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/

Rhif y cais:

Proposal:/Cynnig:

2018/00345/FUL

Erection of 2 No. two storey blocks each containing four units, each unit consists of two bedrooms and two living rooms to accommodate elderly persons

Plot of land, The Limes, Cowbridge

Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

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Remove and replace all the cast iron guttering around the roof line of the Town Hall Building. The proposed project will need to have temporary scaffolding/scissor lift erected around the Town Hall building

Town Hall, Burial Lane, Llantrisant Major

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How ploughing really was 'life on the edge' in 1918!

THE Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing & Hedging Society held its meeting at the Six Bells Inn, Penmark on August 22, when the final details were discussed for the ploughing match at Sealand Farm, St Bride's Major on Sunday, September 9 by kind permission of Richard Anthony (the society's president) and family.

The chairman Andrew Studley stated that the judges and officials had confirmed their attendance at the event, and he asked that members who were able to act as stewards should contact the secretary.

The secretary, Sarah Radcliffe reported that there were 35 entries to date in five or six classes with another two weeks to go and it was hoped that there would be over 40 competitors in total.

It was noted that a number of horse teams were entered in the ploughing match. Trade stand numbers were up from last year and one or two local tractor distributors would be putting on a working display of equipment.

Practice plots would be available on Saturday, September 8 for competitors who wished to use them. The chairman pointed out that the society had been very lucky over the years to have first class sites for the ploughing match and Sealand Farm would rate among them.

A programme of the event will be available on the day. Stewards will be very pleased to answer any

questions from visitors about the event. There will also be ample catering facilities available.

The event will start on September 9 at 10am. Car parking will be free and entry will be £5 for adults but will be free for children under 16 years of age and also free for members of the society.

Around 100 years ago, David George of Merthyr Mawr, grandfather of Basil and David George, ploughed land at Sealand Farm. It would appear in those days the custom was that a new tenant moving into a farm would have a field ploughed by a collection of neighbours as a goodwill gesture.

David George was one of about six ploughmen who spent some days there. The story was that on the Friday they finished for the week and on Monday found that about half an acre of the ground which had been ploughed had gone over the cliff top into the sea.

This must have given the ploughmen who had been working that field a great shock!

Competitors can rest assured that the ground in question will not be where the 2018 ploughing match is to be held!

Further information about the ploughing match can be obtained from the secretary on 01446 710610 or 07855 414759. Alternatively check out more information and photographs at www.facebook.com/valeofglamorganploughingsociety.

Basil George

Letting staff volunteer for local causes

A LOCAL estate letting agent is giving each of their staff a paid day off this year to volunteer in the local community.

ACJ Properties in Penarth began by asking for ideas via social media and received lots of suggestions from the public about who they might be able to help.

So far, ACJ have helped Llandough Primary School with exterior painting, volunteered at a British Red Cross shop, and tackled some gardening and groundwork at children's hospice Ty Hafan in Sully.

Managing director Sarah Plumley said: "We are proud to work with local community organisations.

"We fundraise for some larger, national charities annually, but in particular we find that supporting the local groups is very rewarding as the results are so visible and significant.

"Our staff also love taking part in these initiatives and helping to make a difference."

Haydn Jones, associate director of estates and facilities at Ty Hafan said: "We are constantly seeking ways

to deliver savings against our precious resources, and the support of volunteers from various companies goes a long way to assisting us in undertaking work that would otherwise cost us money via, for example, contractors.

"We appreciate that lots of companies are committed to delivering corporate and social responsibility and to hold volunteer days is a great way for us all to receive mutual benefit.

"We are always happy to host volunteers with a mix of any skillset.

"It was a pleasure to host staff from ACJ Properties, who not only worked extremely hard on the day, but did so with a smile on their faces."

Gemma Sawyer at the British Red Cross in Penarth commented: "It was great to have the company's staff to help us for the day to give them an idea of the daily life at the Red Cross.

"We love supporting local shops and businesses around us and being part of a great community. If you are thinking of volunteering, please pop in to one of our shops and have a chat with us."

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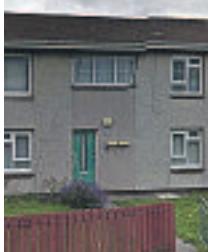


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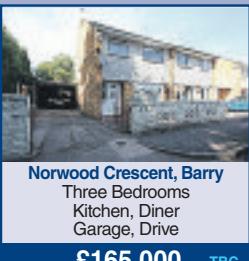
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Family Notices

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Suddenly at home on 12th August 2018, Phillip, aged 71 years. Beloved husband of the late Jeannette, much loved dad of Sharon, Jason, Tony, Collette, Julie, John, Stephen and Nicolle. Also a loved grandfather and great grandfather.

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THOMAS
Islwyn (Wyn)

Wyn, of Broad Street, Barry, died peacefully in hospital after a short illness, having recently celebrated his 91st birthday. Long retired from the DHSS in Kendrick Road, Wys had previously held a variety of driving jobs including Dow Corning, Western Welding, Thomas Motors, Esso and even, for a time, Wall's Ice Cream. Wyn, like his father, had been a keen bowler at Barry Athletic Club. He also enjoyed the company of fellow members of the Wyndham Club.

The widower of Ronwyn (nee Hayes), Wyn is survived by his five daughters: Gill Rees, Pam Scott, Gaynor Cosgrove, Lynette Roe, Trisha Jones and their husbands. Wyn leaves 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and a recent great-great-grandchild.

The funeral will take place at A.G. Adams Funeralcare at 12 noon on Wednesday, 5th September, followed by committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only with donations in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Hospice Penarth c/o the funeral director.

COLLIER
Jean Beryl

Peacefully after a short illness on Monday, 20th August at The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Jean of Stoneleigh Court, Porthcawl and formerly of Highfield Road, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Roy, much loved mother of Robin and mother-in-law of Joan and a dearly loved nan of David and Gareth.

Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral on Friday, 7th September, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, to Porthcawl RNLI c/o Richard Mustoe of Porthcawl Funeral Services, 75 New Road, Porthcawl, CF36 5DH. Tel: 01656 783699.

JAMES**Barbara Elizabeth (née Orton)**

The family wish to announce the sad passing of Barbara on 20th August. Beloved wife of the late Leighton, much loved mum and mum-in-law of Karon and Bob, Robert and Kiki. A cherished man and great nan of Rebecca, Darren, Bradley, Gregory and Oliver. A loving Aunty B to all her nieces and nephews.

Barbara will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of her life to take place at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 3rd September at 2pm.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Cancer Research Wales in memory of Barbara.

GIBBS
Wendy

Peacefully at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth on 23rd August 2018, aged 81 years. A cherished mum to Antony, Steven, Christian and their partners. Adored nanny to all her grandchildren.

Wendy will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

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HAWKES
Margaret (née Adams)

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WARE
Lynn Dorrington

Passed away suddenly at Morriston Hospital on Saturday, 18th August, Lynn of Corntown, Bridgend. Beloved husband of Marlene and much loved dad of Alison.

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YOUNG
Graham

Peacefully at the Sam Davies Ward at the Barry Hospital on 21st August, Graham, of Woodham Park, Barry. Dearly beloved husband of the late Glens, much loved father of Claire and Jonathan, father-in-law of John and Amanda. Adored grampy to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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BROWNE
Cecil (Dick) (Dai)

After a period of poor health, Dick, aged 89, slipped peacefully away on 15th August.

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Your beautiful daughter Darcie will always love and remember her Daddy, you were devoted to each other and she loved you as you loved her. We will keep sharing all our wonderful and funny memories of you with her forever.

She loves and misses her Daddy so much ♥

Marcus, Kirsty and Fraser have lost a much loved brother and faithful friend and hold you close in their hearts, as do your nieces and nephews, Grace, Hugo, Theo, Flo and Moses. They so miss their uncle Lewis xxxx

We can only hope and pray you are safe and at peace. We all miss you every second of every day, you are never more than a thought away.

I love and miss you so much my Darling, till we meet again.

Love you forever, Mum xxx

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Busy season nears end for surf lifesaving club



Ladies open day at Wenvoe Castle



The winners are presented with their prizes by club captain Mike Chick.

THE popular ladies open day at Wenvoe Castle was held last Friday with entries from many golf clubs throughout the region and a few further afield.

The changeable weather conditions meant a risk of some showers but generally the rain kept away and umbrellas were rarely seen.

The competition was organised as a team event with the best two scores to count from each team of three. As usual there were separate prizes were for visiting teams and those representing Wenvoe Castle.

The top visitors' score was 74 points by Andrea Page, Lisa Taylor and Linda Lloyd of nearby Brynhill Golf Club.

Just missing out by a single point were Andrea Downing, Imelda Nash and Mags Probert from Pontnewydd Golf Club who scored 73.

There was also some close competition among the Wenvoe Castle teams and the winners were Jane Lott, Caroline Holland and Sandra Champ who posted an excellent score of 77

VALE Surf Lifesaving Club is nearing the end of a busy first season on the beach, which has seen the establishment of a thriving Nipper section with the whole club thoroughly enjoying their new home at Jacksons Bay/Barry Yacht Club.

August 18-25 saw the club competing in the National Championships at Holywell Bay in Cornwall. The Masters team of Sarah Baker, Steve Baker, Nia Hopkin, Dominic Lee and Simon Parker competed over the first two days in very challenging sea conditions.

Great performances were put in by all with Sarah Baker bringing home the first medal of the championships. Despite very rough sea conditions Sarah had an exceptional paddle to win bronze in her board race.

Sarah also gained a bronze medal in the ladies double ski with Nia Hopkin, who was competing in her first Masters beach competition. Dominic Lee put in an impressive performance in the men's beach flag event, gaining a very respectable fifth place.

Steve Baker and Simon Parker put in a strong performance in the men's double ski, finishing in sixth place.

The following two days it was the turn of the Junior team. The team was Abigail Baker, Alice Connolly, Ben Ewington, Declan Ewington, Tesni Gardiner, Louie Gwatkian, Reuben Hopkin, Sean McKenna, Emily Parker, Brooke Peterson and Ellie Peterson.

The first day saw Ellie bring home a bronze medal in the under-19 beach sprints with the whole team putting in some very impressive performances in challenging conditions.

Day two saw Ellie increase her medal tally with a silver in the under-19 ski race and a superb gold in the under-19 beach flags.

In the under-15 double ski race Abigail and Emily improved on last year's fourth position by winning a silver medal, while in their under-15 double ski race, Reuben and Ben put in a great performance to win a bronze medal.

In his individual events, Reuben had a fantastic competition, bringing home a gold medal in the under-15 ski, bronze in the under-15 ironman, bronze in the under-15 1k run and bronze in the under-15 beach sprint.

Reuben was also the first Junior to finish the long distance board paddle held at Holywell Bay at the end of National Championships. He finished fifth overall behind older and very experienced paddlers.

BJ

All members of the Junior team put in fine performances whether medal winning or not - in the under-17 double ski race Brooke and Tesni raced superbly, leading the field around most of the course and eventually finishing in fourth place.

Alice excelled in her individual ski race with two superb starts both in her heat and the final to finish in sixth place overall despite being one of the youngest competitors in the final.

In his under-15 swim race Louie showed great resilience completing the course, despite having to swim in extremely rough sea conditions.

Sean McKenna, competing for the Vale on the beach for the first time, finished a very impressive seventh in under-17 flags and ninth in under-17 sprints.

It was great to see Declan back on the road to recovery and competing in the sprint relay, having had to take a long time off training this summer due to illness.

The final event in the National Championships belonged to the Nippers and all of Vale Surf Lifesaving Club were proud to be represented by Honor Hopkin as our sole competitor.

Honor acquitted herself well in all events and it was great to see the pink hat visible on the beach over the two days of competition.

Many thanks to Gem and Steph for their brilliant competition catering service and to Simon and Kelsee for their excellent team management.

Several incidents over the course of the summer have served to remind us that although competition is an important aspect of surf lifesaving, the training and skills provided by lifeguard clubs across the country in order to preserve life remains at the forefront of everything we do.

Members of Vale Surf Life Saving Club were involved in the third rescue of the summer last week when a swimmer got into trouble at Jacksons Bay.

A textbook rescue took place, giving the Nippers who were training on the beach at the time a valuable insight into how the skills they are learning may be needed one day to save a life.

The rescue board used to bring the patient back to the beach was donated by Barry Town Council and the club would once again like to thank the council for this essential piece of equipment.

The Masters, Seniors and Juniors will be competing at Porthcawl on September 1-2 in the Welsh Championships which is their final event of the season.



Barrivale Bridge Club results

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge individual sessions on August 21 are as follows.

1st, Jane Brook 66.67 per cent; 2nd, Sue Jones 61.76; 3rd, Hilary Laurence 57.84.

As always new members are welcome and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592. You can also call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

LH

Members and guests enjoy a day of golf at Cottrell Park



First team winners with ladies' captain Lorraine Ponton-Bell.

Results from the Millwood Bowls Club

WEDNESDAY evening saw Millwood travel to Roath Park for a rearranged Division 6 fixture.

On a slightly overcast evening the match got underway and on Rink 1 Alan Bumford, Nigel Tutton, Dave Woodfin and Mickey Lucas eased into an early lead 10 shots to 5 after eight ends but a mini-revival by the home rink saw the scores level after 15.

A strong finish from the Millwood four saw a winning score of 23 shots to 17.

On rink two Keith Davies, Haydn Spencer, Dave Bourne and Steve Sewell struggled over the first five ends, trailing seven shots to one but as they got the measure of the rink they gradually took control, drawing level by end 14 at 10 shots apiece.

A strong finish over the last three ends saw them win by 16 shots to 12.

Meanwhile on rink five Tony Williams, Brian Crockford, Dave Louther and Brian Howcroft stormed into a 10-1 lead, only to lose the next three ends.

Maintaining a one shot lead, 10-9 after nine ends, a four on the 10th end restored the lead and steady bowling saw them run out comfortable winners, 26 shots to 16.

On rink four Geoff Stone, Tony Cole, Rob Browne and Alan Evans struggled to find the line and trailed 6-2 after five ends; eight shots scored over the next three ends gave them a narrow lead, 10-7, however over the next seven ends the home side edged ahead 15 shots to 10, and despite the rink's best efforts lost narrowly 17-14.

Winning three rinks to one, Millwood took overall victory 79 shots to 62, taking 12 points overall.

On Saturday

Millwood travelled to Taffs Well for a Division 3 fixture of some importance to both teams at opposite ends of the table.

On rink three Alan Bumford, Nigel Tutton, Dave Louther and Kelvin Lewis got off to a solid start, easing into an early lead which they held until the 13th end when the home side hit back, taking seven shots over the next three ends and going on to win 17 shots to 14.

On rink four Brian Crockford, Peter Taylor, Keith Thomas and Mickey Lucas started brightly with a 5 but immediately dropped a 3; the game was nip and tuck for the next five ends, at which point the home side showed their superior local knowledge to pull away to an easy 26 shots to 13 victory.

On rink five a similar story was being played out - after a slow start the Millwood rink found themselves initially down, then all square after 10 ends, 9-9. They then eased into the lead on the next two ends but a dropped 5 and 3 on the next two ends undid all the good work and the home rink won 21 shots to 15.

On rink six Maurice Jodrell, Alan Anniss, Rob Bourne and Haydn Spencer were unable to handle the rink and the home players pushed

home their advantage and ran out easy winners, 24 shots to 10.

For the first time this season the team lost on all four rinks, losing 14 points in the process.

Millwood A hosted local rivals Barry Central - on rink two Geoff Stone, Stan Hopkins, Des Cameron and Bryn Webb

struggled to get into the game, and although they got within touching distance, a 5 and a 6 dropped on the 14th and 15th ends finally nailed their coffin, losing 28 shots to 10.

On rink three Keith Davies, Harry Hodgkinson, Roy Gregory and Dave Bourne did not get started at all, and were severely beaten 42 shots to 4.

On rink three Tony Williams, Gary Smith, Alan Bickley and Mike Williams got off to a flying start and led 11 shots to 7 after 10 ends, a lead they would not give up, winning 18 shots to 11.

Elsewhere, on rink five, Derek Gorringe, Dave Lewis, Roger Wills and Arthur Norris were unable to pose any problems to their opponents and slipped to 20 shots to 9 defeat, overall victory going to the visitors by 101 shots to 41, taking 12 points in the process.

BH

After the ninth hole, in the halfway house Pimms and refreshments were served including lovely homemade cakes by the ladies, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The first team winners were Jan Cosby with her guests Jean Badman from Ladbrook Park and Sue Williams from North Warwickshire with 78 points, second was Lowri Roberts with guests Erin Alison (St Athan) and Jo

CB

Bridgend Bridge Club results

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows.

On Wednesday, August 22: first, Tony Disley and Steve Burgoyne; second, John Beard and David Birt; third, Dave Lea and Graham Norris. The winners on handicap were Tony Disley and Steve Burgoyne.

On Thursday, August 23: first, Clive Edwards and Maggie Ashpole; second, Marjorie Halle and Shelia Gass; third, Mike Williams and Gareth Jenkins. The winners on handicap were there is a gentle bridge session

Jane Brook and Wendy Williams; a friendly manner, visitors and second, Simon and Debbie Richards; third, Steve Burgoyne and Irene Thomas. The winners on handicap were Jane Brook and Wendy Williams.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start if it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in

For more information contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at steve@steveburgoyne.plus.com.

Cowbridge Bowling Club hold annual triples competition

COWBRIDGE Bowling Club held its annual triples competition over the weekend of August 24-27, and this year saw the largest number of entries for this competition with 48 members taking part, allowing 16 triples teams to compete.

The morning matches were played under sunny skies and saw some very close games. In the game between the teams of Corrie Buxton and Alan Wallace an extra end was needed to decide the game which was won by Alan's rink 9-8.

Steve Close and Pat Holdsworth had a tight game which Steve won 8-7, and another 8-7 win was achieved by Lynda Wilson's rink against Bob Penn.

The last quarter final was between the teams of Dennis Snelling and Norman Wilkinson. Although the score was 10-1 to Dennis, a much closer game took place than the score would indicate with only a single shot being won on the majority of ends.

The semi-finals took place in the early afternoon with Alan Wallace's team prevailing against Dennis Snelling's on the final end, 13-9, and Steve Close securing a 9-6 win against Lynda Wilson.

The final, of 12 ends, took place under improving weather with over 40 club members turning out to witness an excellent game.

Steve Close's team of Lin Wallace and Alan Jordan played against Alan Wallace's rink of Ron Dobie and Jean Hunt. Steve led for most of the game until Alan's team picked up five shots to go 12-9 up.

The penultimate end saw the shot wood change repeatedly as excellent shots came in from Alan Jordan and Jean Hunt, eventually resulting in four shots for Steve's team to bring them into the lead 13-12. Steve's team had a successful final end to run out deserving winners 17-12.

The triples cup was presented to the winning rink of Steve Close, Lin Wallace and Alan Jordan by club president, Mary Thomas.

Club chairman Diane Lloyd thanked all participants for an excellent weekend's competition and expressed her thanks to the competition secretary, Alan Wallace, for organising the event.

This weekend will see the climax of the competition year with the club finals taking place on Sunday and Monday, September 2-3.

AWW

Family fun enjoyed by all at Cottrell Park



The marquee at the club was packed.

COTTRELL PARK Golf Club recently opened its doors for a family fun day.

The event was for members and non-members and included a disco with competitions and prizes, a bouncy castle, children's play area and fun golf activities with club professional Gareth

Bennett.

Also available on the day was a barbecue ice-cream van, face painting and other activities.

A club spokeswoman told The GEM that they were delighted with the number of families who came along to enjoy the day.

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Anniversary competition for skittlers



From left: Sue Bond, Helen Ball, Sian Hayne and Jemma Turner-Jones.



From left: Pearl Burminham, Cyndy Fenton and Dot Rees.

THIS year is the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Barry And District Ladies Skittles League, and to celebrate this event we held a knockout Anniversary Cup competition, which was won by The Optimists.

Elaine Playle and Jennifer Holland are part of the team but could not make it on the night; also as reserves, Dale Edwards and Karen

HB

Eason. Runners-up were The Odd Bodys; congratulations to both teams.

Also, the committee

discovered that there were two ladies who became members in 1948

and are still playing to date.

To thank them for their dedication to the league they were invited to the annual presentation evening and the committee presented them with a card, gift and flowers.

HB

New season on horizon for chess club

THE summer is almost over for Barry Chess Club and the league season starts very shortly.

Our pre-season friendly was well attended with 15 members present, meaning seven matches were able to be completed.

Hopefully these matches will have ironed out any lack of match practice and this could help to give us a good start to the season.

For the Bosons in Division One and the Quarks in Division Three, this season is all about avoiding relegation. With the loss of Sam Jukes, who no longer lives in Barry, this may be more of a struggle but we live in hope.

The Camelots in Division Two did relatively well last season. They remain something of an unknown quantity so while avoiding relegation is a must, there may be an outside chance of a push for promotion. Who knows?

In Division Four we

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all performed well on the day. The audience were involved, including entertained and the judges were impressed

Girls as second and third-place winners, along with the others as runner ups on the day. The cooks (Fiona, Helen, Linda, Donna,

Another good week for Barry Athletic bowlers

BARRY Athletic Bowls Club recorded another successful week of results on the green as the league season nears its climax.

Having successfully navigated their way to final of the Private Greens Single Rink competition, the Athletic faced a Penarth side looking for victory after their surprise win over Ely Valley.

Playing at a rainswept Llanbradach green, Penarth opened up a big advantage early on, building a 7-0 lead after just three rain-interrupted ends when the players had to shelter from the heavy rain showers.

Gradually, the Barry rink clawed back the arrears with Rowland Fletcher and Carl Best dropping in good bowls on a difficult rink to set up head winning positions. Conversions were difficult but Penarth skip Colin Grant was successful in turning number of heads to score for Penarth.

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silverware for the season, after victories in the Munro Cup and the Senior Singles at the National Championship.

It was back to league action on Saturday when the PG1 side faced a Pontyclun side staring at relegation from the division and desperate to pick up points.

On a heavier than usual 4Wood green at Barry, the visitors found the pace to their liking and got off to a good start all round with the lead changing hands on each rink early on.

Carl Best's rink gradually opened up a lead of 13-5 after seven ends, and David Wright's four similarly accelerated to 12-3, giving the Barry club a 10-shot lead midway through the game.

However the Pontyclun side refused to throw the towel in and gradually claimed shots across the four rinks to reduce the deficit to just one shot after 15 ends.

It was time for the Barry rinks to dig in and that is just what they did, with Robert's Horgan rink pushing on to a 22-9 victory, Richard Bowen's rink scoring 7-2 over the last five ends to record a victory by 22-19, and Carl Best scoring four shots to one over the last three ends to claim a further two points.

However the battle was still intense on David Wright's rink, losing by one shot 18-19 as they started the final end; with a match lay against him, David's drive shot saw the jack leaping vertically out of the head and bouncing back up the green to still lay shot against, but with his final bowl he expertly removed the Pontyclun shot from the head to lay two shots and claim victory by 20 shots to 19.

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An overall win by 20 shots and an important 14 points in the promotion battle ensured that the Barry side are still in the hunt for promotion and with a just four fixtures left, skipper Mike Vaughan will be looking for at least two victories in the final four games of the season to reclaim their position in the top division of the Private Greens league.

The PG2 side made it a victorious weekend with a famous away victory at Merthyr West End to ensure that they will be playing in the top division next year.

Defeats for Paul Webley and Gareth Humphreys were covered by big victories by Albert Mintern and Mike Vaughan.

With two ends to go Barry held a slender four-shot advantage across the rinks with just skipper Vaughan's rink left to play but the experience and skill of the Barry captain safely navigated them through to a famous victory by drawing second when five down on the 20th end and saving them again when facing a four on the final end, all of which resulted a narrow one shot victory and a valuable 10 points towards the league total.

With two local derbies to be played this week against Dinas Powys and Penarth Windsor, the club will be looking to secure the points needed to guarantee promotion as they look to finish the season on a high.

Club finals day will be held on Sunday, September 2 with competitive matches being played in both the morning and the afternoon and all members and spectators welcome.

RB

Men's finals day at Brynhill GC



Luke Pearson and Glyn Coles.

ALL the hard work by the greenkeeping staff paid dividends with the course looking magnificent, as Brynhill Golf Club held its annual men's finals day on Saturday, with all three categories of the club championship being contested - Chief Buck Rabbit, Howell Hughes and the club championship.

The Buck was won by Glyn Coles, who edged out new member Luke Pearson. The Howell Hughes saw Mitchell Taylor-Moore defeat Alan Sweeny in a major final for the second time in eight days.

In the championship, the irrepressible Scott Bowman became club champion for the ninth time, squeezing out Lee Price over two rounds.

Some great golf was played by all of those competing and the matches were played in a fantastic spirit.

In the George Williams final Stephen Hopkins defeated Peter

Incledon.

On Wednesday, Brynhill Wayfarers welcomed St Mary's Golf Club to the Barry course, beating them comprehensively 4.5-0.5 and leaving themselves a target of just 1.5 points from their final league match of the season, away to Tredegar Park, to secure the title.

This weekend we again revert to a split field stableford with the Harry Cocks and the Porth Cup up for grabs.

ND

to 28 up on three rinks, and the only rink to suffer - B Curtis, B Danscombe, T Murphy and D Edwards - went 3-15 down before pulling it back to lead by 18-16, losing only on the last end when they were chasing the points.

The following week, three of our club went to compete in the Stirling Scotland Anniversary Games with the Special Olympics Wales Squad (Mark Eveleigh, Heather Williams and Gareth Lloyd).

Heather came fifth in bocce while Mark and Gareth gained bronze in the 18-hole golf squad.

On August 18 the club went on their annual day trip to Folly Farm. There were two coaches and a mini-bus full of Beavers, families and friends.

On the way we had our bingo 90 draw in each bus in which the winning numbers won £10 each. Everyone had an great day despite it being dull, damp and drizzly on the day.

At 15 ends it had gone

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15 64 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER 2.0 PHEV GX4H 5dr automatic, sat nav, sunroof, 35k, met blue

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16 16 BMW 740 D XDRIVE M Sport 4dr automatic (315bhp), BMW warranty June 2019, Premium package, 20" alloys, head-up display, electric glass sunroof, 18k, white, full leather

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15 15 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.0 CRD Limited 5dr automatic 4WD, sat nav, cruise, reverse camera, 18" alloys, heated seats, met red, full leather

£13495



15 15 LEXUS NX300h 2.5 Luxury (Convenience Pack) E-CVT 4WD 5dr, sat nav, cruise, blue, full leather

£19995



14 14 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI KX-3 AWD 5dr, KIA warranty June 2021, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, white, full leather

£12995



BMW WARRANTY NOV 2020

17 67 BMW X1 2.0 XDrive M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty Nov 2020, sat nav, heated seats, privacy glass, 11k, silver

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14 64 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.2 SD4 Dynamic AWD 5dr (Plus Pack) panoramic roof, 20" alloys, zanzbar bronze, full leather

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15 65 BMW 330 D XDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic, pro nav, 19" alloys, privacy glass, 25k, red, full leather

£19495



13 13 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCi 163 Titanium 5dr 4WD, sat nav, 19" alloys, white

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13 62 BMW X6 XDrive4.0D 5dr Automatic, sat nav, 20" alloys, comfort seats, 29k, white, full leather

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15 15 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SPORT 2.2 SD4 HSE 5dr Automatic (7-Seater) 4x4, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, black pack, 28k, met red, full leather

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17 66 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI GT-Line 5dr automatic, KIA warranty March 2024, sat nav, reverse camera, 19" alloys, black, full leather

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15 15 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.2 SD4 Pure 5dr 4WD, sat nav, privacy glass, 24k, white with black contrast roof

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| 17 67 BMW 230i M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2020, sat nav, 18" alloys, cruise, 2k, mineral white, full oyster leather | £26995 |
| 15 15 BMW 428i M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, 19" alloys, head-up display, reverse camera, 12k, black, full oyster leather | £24995 |
| 16 16 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, BMW warranty Aug 2019, M Sports Plus pack, sat nav, rev camera, 19" alloys, 15k, black, full leather | £23995 |
| 16 16 BMW 420 D Sport Convertible automatic, BMW warranty July 2019, sat nav, heated seats, black, full red leather | £21995 |
| 16 16 BMW 435 DXDrive M Sport Convertible, BMW warranty August 2019, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 9k, esotri blue, full leather | £24995 |
| 15 65 BMW Z4 2.0 28i SDrive Roadster 2dr (245bhp), 19" alloys, sat nav, heated seats, white, full leather | £18995 |
| 16 66 BMW 640 3.0 DM Sport Convertible automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, 20" alloys, reverse assist camera, white, full leather | £33995 |
| 16 66 DS DS3 CABRIO 1.6 BlueHDi Prestige Cabriolet 2dr, Citroen warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, black | £9995 |
| 15 15 MINI CONVERTIBLE 1.6 Cooper 2dr, Bluetooth, DAB, 12k, red | £10495 |
| 15 65 MINI ROADSTER 1.6 S Convertible, 17" black alloys, heated seats, silver, half-leather | £12995 |
| 15 15 MINI CONVERTIBLE 1.6 Cooper D Highgate 2dr, Bluetooth, in iced chocolate, full leather | £11995 |
| 17 67 AUDI A3 2.0 T FSI Quattro Sport 5dr S-Tronic (190bhp), 19" alloys, sat nav, privacy glass, 10k, black | £21995 |
| 15 65 AUDI Q3 2.0 TDI Quattro S-Line+ 5dr S-Tronic, Audi warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, PDC front & rear, 18k, silver, half leather | £20995 |
| 17 67 BMW 225 XE PHEV Sport Active Tourer 5dr 4WD Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 4k, black | £22995 |
| 15 65 BMW 330 D XDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic, pro nav, 19" alloys, privacy glass, 25k, red, full leather | £19495 |
| 16 16 AUDI A3 2.0 T FSI Quattro Sport 5dr S-Tronic (190bhp), 19" alloys, sat nav, privacy glass, 10k, black | £21995 |
| 15 65 AUDI Q3 2.0 TDI Quattro S-Line+ 5dr S-Tronic, Audi warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, PDC front & rear, 18k, silver, half leather | £20995 |
| 17 67 AUDI A3 2.0 T FSI Quattro Sport 5dr S-Tronic (190bhp), 19" alloys, sat nav, privacy glass, 10k, black | £21995 |
| 15 15 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SPORT 2.2 SD4 HSE 5dr Automatic (7-Seater) 4x4, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, black pack, 28k, met red, full leather | £27995 |
| 16 16 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SPORT 2.0 TD4 180 SE Tech 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Land Rover warranty until June 2019, sat nav, 21k, white with contrast black roof | £25995 |
| 14 64 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.2 SD4 Dynamic AWD 5dr (Plus Pack) panoramic roof, 20" alloys, zanzbar bronze, full leather | £23495 |
| 15 15 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.2 SD4 Pure 5dr 4WD, tech pack (sat nav), privacy glass, chrome tread plates, 24k, white with black contrast roof | £19995 |
| 15 15 LEXUS NX300h 2.5 Luxury (Convenience Pack) E-CVT 4WD 5dr, sat nav, cruise, blue, full leather | £19995 |
| 17 67 MERCEDES GLC220 D 4Matic AMG Line 5dr 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Dec 2020, sat nav, 19" alloys, heated seats, 10k, silver, full leather | £29995 |
| 15 15 MINI COUNTRYMAN 2.0 D Business Edition 5dr Automatic AWD, sat nav, 17" alloys, grey, half-leather | £19995 |
| 14 14 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 Cooper S ALL 4dr (190bhp)(Chili & TLC Pack) 18" alloys, heated seats, Bluetooth, black, full leather | £10495 |
| 15 64 MITUBISHI OUTLANDER 2.0 PHEV GX4H 5dr automatic, sat nav, sunroof, 35k, met blue | £15995 |
| 16 16 MERCEDES GLC220 D 4Matic AMG Line 5dr 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Dec 2020, sat nav, 19" alloys, heated seats, 10k, silver, full leather | £29995 |
| 15 15 MINI COUNTRYMAN 2.0 D Business Edition 5dr Automatic AWD, sat nav, 17" alloys, grey, half-leather | £19995 |
| 14 14 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 Cooper S ALL 4dr (190bhp)(Chili & TLC Pack) 18" alloys, heated seats, Bluetooth, black, full leather | £10495 |
| 15 64 MITUBISHI OUTLANDER 2.0 PHEV GX4H 5dr automatic, Mitsubishi warranty Jan 2019, 18" alloys, heated seats, 20k, grey | £18495 |
| 16 16 MITUBISHI OUTLANDER 2.0 PHEV GX4H 5dr Automatic, Mitsubishi warranty April 2019, sat nav, cruise, white, full leather | £18495 |
| 14 14 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.6 DCI Tekna 5dr 4wd (130bhp), pan roof, sat nav, white, full leather | £12795 |
| 15 15 RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.2 SD4 Pure Tech 5dr 4WD, sat nav, pan roof, 18" alloys, choice, 24k, full leather | £20795 |
| 15 64 RANGEROVER SPORT 3.0 SDV6 Autobiography Dynamic 5dr automatic, sat nav, 21" alloys, panoramic roof, 41k, met grey, full leather | £45995 |
| 16 65 RANGEROVER SPORT SVR 5.0 V8 Autobiography Dynamic 5dr automatic, Landrover warranty March 2019, panoramic roof, xenons, 22" alloys, sat nav, 16k, black, full leather | £74995 |
| 16 66 RANGE ROVER VOGUE 3.0 TDV6 Vogue 4dr Automatic, Land Rover warranty Sept 2019, pan roof, sat nav, grey, full leather | £49995 |
| 15 15 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTI SE 5dr 4wd, aircon, alloys, heated seats, 24k, grey, full leather | £10795 |
| 16 16 VW TIGUAN 2.0 TDI Bluemotion Tech Match Edition 5dr 4WD, VW warranty August 2019, sat nav, 18" alloys, grey | £15995 |
| 16 16 VOLVO XC60 2.4 D4 R-Design Nav 4WD 5dr Geartronic, Volvo warranty May 2019, sat nav, heated seats, high performance sound system, grey, half-leather | £19995 |
| 17 67 VOLVO XC90 D5 Power Pulse R Design AWD 5dr Geartronic Automatic, Volvo warranty Nov 2020, sat nav, 20" alloys, met blue, half-leather | £41495 |



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17 67 ALFA ROMEO GIULIA 2.2 TD SUPER 4dr automatic, Alfa warranty Dec 2020, sat nav, 18"alloys, 2k, red, full leather £22995

15 65 AUDI A3 1.6 TDI Ultra 110 SE Technik 5dr, Audi warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, cruise, privacy glass, 26k, white £13495

17 17 AUDI A3 1.6 TDI SE Technik 5dr, Audi warranty April 2020, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, red £13995

17 17 BMW 116 D Efficient Dynamics Plus 5dr, BMW warranty April 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, dab, white £14495

16 16 BMW 120 D Sport 5dr (190bhp) BMW warranty August 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, pdc front & rear, 22k, met blue £14795

16 16 BMW 330 2.0 E M Sport 4dr Automatic, sat nav, 17k, black £17995

17 67 BMW 330 2.0 E SE 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, 18"alloys, 11k, privacy glass, white £20995

15 15 BMW 428i M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, 19"alloys, head-up display, reverse camera, 12k, black, full oyster leather £24995

15 65 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, privacy glass, xenons, 31k, black, full leather £17995

17 67 BMW 530 E M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2020, comfort pack, sat nav, reverse camera, 12k, black, full leather £34995

16 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty March 2019, sat nav, 19"alloys, black, full leather £24995

16 66 BMW 640 3.0 D M Sport Convertible Automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, 20"alloys, reverse assist camera, white, full leather £33995

16 16 CITROEN C4 CACTUS 1.6 BlueHDI Flair Edition 5dr, Citroen warranty April 2019, sat nav, insulated pan roof, silver £8495

16 16 DS DS3 1.6 BlueHDI Prestige 3dr, Citroen warranty Aug 2019, sat nav, cruise, 36k, white £9795

16 16 DS DS4 1.6 BlueHDI Crossback 5dr, Citroen warranty April 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, 18"alloys, 19k, met red, half leather £10995

15 64 FIAT 500 1.2 Colour Therapy 3dr, Bluetooth, air-con, AUX, 28k, red £4995

15 15 FIAT 500 1.2 Lounge 3dr, pan roof, Bluetooth, PDC, choice over 10 in stock £5995

15 65 FIAT 500 1.2 Pop Star 3dr, air-con, alloys, 15k, blue £5995

14 64 FIAT 500L 1.6 MultiJet Beats Edition 5dr, cruise, Bluetooth, grey over black £8995

13 63 FORD FIESTA 1.0 EcoBoost Zetec S 3dr, 17"alloys, Bluetooth, red £6995

16 16 FORD FIESTA 1.0 EcoBoost 125 Zetec S 3dr, Ford warranty April 2019, sat nav, 16k, choice £9995

16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOBoost 140 ST-Line Navigation 5dr, Ford warranty Nov 2019, 17"alloys, sat nav, 12k, white £11795

14 63 FORD FIESTA 1.6 TDCi Zetec S 3dr, Bluetooth, pdc, 39k, black £6995

16 16 FORD FOCUS 1.5 ecoBOOST Titanium 5dr (150bhp), Ford warranty April 2019, sat nav, cruise, reverse camera, 11k, blue £11995

16 16 FORD FOCUS 1.5 TDCi Zetec S 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, 17"alloys, 25k, choice £10295

14 14 FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCi Zetec Navigator Econetic Estate, Bluetooth, cruise, blue £7495

15 15 FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCi Zetec 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, air-con, grey £7495

17 17 FORD KUGA 1.5 TDCi Zetec 5dr Powershift, Ford warranty July 2020, sat nav, DAB, cruise, 12k, white £16795

15 15 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCi Titanium 5dr XPACK, sat nav, cruise, grey, full leather £12995

15 15 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCi Titanium X Pack Estate Automatic, pan roof, 19"alloys, 31k, met blue, full leather £15995

16 16 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCi Titanium Estate (X Pack) Ford warranty April 2019, 19"alloys, privacy glass, 19k, black, full leather £16495

17 17 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCi Vignale Estate Powershift automatic (210bhp) Ford warranty June 2020, sat nav, 19"alloys, grey, full leather £19995

16 16 HONDA HR-V 1.6 i DTEC EX 5dr, Honda warranty August 2019, pan roof, sat nav, blue, full leather £16495

16 66 HYUNDAI i10 1.0 SE 5dr, Hyundai warranty July 2022, Bluetooth, Air-Con, Cruise, 4k, blue £6995

15 65 HYUNDAI TUSCON 1.7 CRDI Blue Drive SE 5dr, Hyundai warranty October 2020, Bluetooth, heated seats, 22k, silver £12995

15 15 KIA Ceed 1.6 CRDI 3 Estate, Kia warranty August 2022, sat nav, reverse camera, white £8995

16 65 KIA Ceed 1.4 SR7 Sportwagon Estate, Kia warranty Feb 2023, Bluetooth, pdc, black £9995

17 66 KIA OPTIMA 1.7 CRDI 3 Estate DCT, sat nav, cruise, reverse camera, 13k, blue, half leather £14995

17 17 KIA RIO 1.0 T GDI 118 First Edition 5dr, KIA warranty April 2024, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, Bluetooth, red, full leather £11995

09 59 KIA SOUL 1.6 CRDI Shaker 5dr, electric sunroof, Bluetooth, 18"alloys, beige £3795

14 14 KIA SPORTAGE 1.7 CRDI ISG 2 5dr, pan roof, cruise, Bluetooth, 44k, silver, half leather £10795

15 15 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.2 ED4 Pure 5dr Tech Pack, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, heated seats, 26k, choice with full leather £19995

13 63 MAZDA 3 1.6 Tamura 5dr, 17"alloys, 15k, met grey £7495

15 15 MAZDA 3 2.0 SE-L 5dr, Bluetooth, heated seats, 16k, white £10495

15 15 MAZDA 6 2.2TD SE-L 4dr, cruise, privacy glass, Bluetooth, 25k, white £11495

13 13 MERCEDES A180 CDI BlueEfficiency Sport 5dr, 18"alloys, Bluetooth, 41k, silver, half leather £11495

14 14 MERCEDES A180 CDI Sport 5dr, 17"alloys, air-con, cruise, Bluetooth, blue, half-leather £11995

18 18 MERCEDES A180d AMG Line 5dr, Mercedes warranty July 2021, Night & Exclusive pack, sat nav, panoramic roof, 217 miles, white, full leather £23995

15 15 MERCEDES B180 CDI ECO SE 5dr, Bluetooth, USB, red, full leather £9995

17 17 MERCEDES C220 D AMG Line Estate 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty July 2020, sat nav, cruise, privacy glass, blue, full leather £22995

14 64 MERCEDES CLA200 CDI AMG Sport 4dr, night pack, becker sat nav, cruise, privacy glass, red, half-leather £16995

16 66 MERCEDES CLA200 Sport Estate, Mercedes warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 12k, grey, half leather £18995

16 16 CITROEN C4 CACTUS 1.6 BlueHDI Flair Edition 5dr, Citroen warranty April 2019, sat nav, insulated pan roof, silver £18995

16 16 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line 4dr 9G-Tronic (New Model), sat nav, cruise, heated seats, 20k, choice, half-leather £22495

15 15 MINI COOPER 1.5 3dr, TLC pack, Bluetooth, air-con, metallic paint, 15k, blazing red £9995

17 17 MINI CLUBMAN 1.5 COOPER 5dr, MINI warranty May 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, 8k, white £14995

15 65 MINI COUPE 1.6 COOPER S 3dr (190bhp) (Chili, Media & TLC pack) sat nav, heated seats, 20k, lightning blue, half leather £11995

15 65 MINI ROADSTER 1.6 S Convertible, 17"black alloys, heated seats, silver, half-leather £12995

17 67 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.2 DIG-T Acenta 5dr, Nissan warranty Dec 2020, sat nav, tec pack, red £16495

15 15 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.6 DCI Tekna 5dr (130bhp) pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, 19"alloys, white £12995

15 15 PEUGEOT 208 1.0 VTi Active 3dr, air-con, cruise, Bluetooth, 22k, grey £5995

16 16 PEUGEOT 208 1.6 BlueHDI GT Line 3dr, Peugeot warranty August 2019, Bluetooth, cruise, grey, half-leather £9995

15 65 RENAULT CLIO 1.5 DCI Energy Dynamique Medi-anav 5dr, sat nav, cruise, blue £6995

15 65 RENAULT TWINGO 1.0 SCE Play 5dr, Renault warranty Oct 2018, aircon, USB, 13k, blue £5995

17 67 SEAT LEON 1.6 TDI SE Dynamic Technology Estate, Seat warranty Sep 2020, sat nav, 17"alloys, PDC, 7k, grey £13495

15 15 VAUXHALL ASTRA GTC 1.6 CDTI Limited Edition 3dr, Panoramic roof, 20"alloys, 13k, white £10795

16 66 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.0 T EcoFlex Limited Edition 3dr, 17"black alloys, privacy glass, grey £8995

13 63 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI SRI Nav 5dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, grey £6495

15 15 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI (140) EcoFlex Design 5dr, sat nav, silver £7995

16 16 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 1.6 CDTI ecoFLEX Design 5dr, Bluetooth, cruise, 28k, silver £9495

17 66 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 1.6 CDTI Design 5dr, Vauxhall warranty Feb 2020, cruise, Bluetooth, 22k, grey £10995

17 66 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI (170) EcoFlex SRI NAV Estate, Vauxhall warranty Jan 2020, sat nav, 17"alloys, blue £11995

15 15 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.4 T SE 5dr, heated seats, Bluetooth, blue, full leather £9995

14 14 VW GOLF 1.6 TDI Bluemotion Tech SE 5dr, cruise, Bluetooth, DAB, blue £8295

16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI GT 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, 23k, red £13995

16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech GTD 3dr, VW warranty July 2019, sport & sound pack, 19"alloys, sat nav, 10k, white £18995

16 16 VW SHARAN 2.0 TDI CR Bluemotion Tech 150 SE 5dr DSG Automatic (7-Seater), VW warranty June 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, grey £17995

14 16 ABARTH 500C 1.4 T-Jet 140 2dr, Bluetooth, electric hood, DAB, 15k, red £11495



VW WARRANTY JAN 2020

16 66 VW PASSAT 2.0 TDI Bluemotion Tech R-Line 4dr DSG, VW warranty Jan 2020, pan roof, sat nav, 19"alloys, head-up display, white, full leather £15995



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16 66 MERCEDES CLA200 Sport Estate, Mercedes warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 12k, grey, half leather £18995



BMW WARRANTY DEC 2020

17 67 BMW 230i M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2020, sat nav, 18"alloys, cruise, 2k, mineral white, full oyster leather £26995



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17 17 MINI COOPER 2.0 SD 5dr Automatic, media pack (sat nav), chilli pack, 10k, thunder grey £15995



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17 17 MAZDA 6 2.2 D SE-L Nav Estate, Mazda warranty April 2020, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, pdc, dab, aux & usb, white £13995



13 63 BMW 116 D EfficientDynamics 5dr, air-con, Bluetooth, red £8495



16 16 FIAT 500X 1.3 MultiJet Pop 5dr, air-con, alloys, 20k, grey £9995



15 15 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCi Titanium 5dr, sat nav, cruise, dab, aux, 37k, blue, full leather £11495



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14 14 AUDI A5 2.0 S-Line Sportback 5dr, cruise, Bluetooth, blue, full leather £13995



12 62 MERCEDES C220 CDI Blueefficiency AMG Sport 2dr Automatic, sat nav, 18"alloys, silver, half-leather £10795



16 16 SUZUKI VITARA 1.6 DDIS S25, Suzuki warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, pan roof, turquoise £12495



13 63 BMW 116 D EfficientDynamics 5dr, air-con, Bluetooth, red £8495



14 16 MERCEDES A200 CDI Sport 5dr 7G-DCT, reverse camera, privacy glass, 17"alloys, grey £11995



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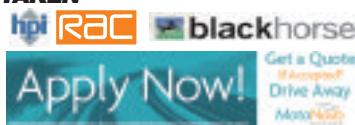
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Motoring with Tony Yates – SKODA Octavia SE1.0 TSi (115PS)

MANY people still say that Skoda is nothing more than a cheaper version of a VW – and I disagree with this very much.

Skoda have proved to me over the last few years that they are more than capable of standing on their own two feet – and I for one now look at Skoda as an individual company who produce fantastic cars. I mean just look at the Octavia. It's an awesome car and it deserves to be right in the spotlight – because it's utterly brilliant in every way.

In power and efficiency, the 1.0-litre TSi petrol engine has a 0.62 time of around 9.9 seconds and a top speed of 126mph. Fuel consumption is also good, giving a combined figure of 50-plus mpg. So, firstly, how well does it get a move on. Basically, like a scalded cat, if I'm being honest. I'm not kidding here folks it's astonishingly quick. That 1.0 TSi engine for me is the total sleeper car – so, be warned, if you do decide to take it on, you will almost certainly be crossing the finish line in second place. OK, I'm kidding a little, but it does get a move on pretty quickly.

On the road, the 115PS engine that was fitted to my test car was enthusiastic and pretty much perfect. Also, into the corners, the chassis feels poised and tight, even when dealing with



The SKODA Octavia SE1.0 TSi (115PS)

all the potholes and bumps on some of our worst roads. Plus when the tarmac gets twisty, the chassis firms up to give you maximum grip in and out of every corner. The steering also feels light, direct and is perfectly balanced with plenty of feedback on what the road beneath you is doing.

With regard to the interior and technology, I'm so glad to see that the designers at Skoda have paid a lot of attention to the detail inside the cabin of the Octavia. Thankfully, it now feels more refreshing and modern than the previous model I tested a while ago. Also, the seats are really comfy and the controls are well set out. The Amundsen touchscreen satellite navigation system and digital radio is pretty good too. The only thing missing now for me is some soothing music tracks playing in the background.

On the inside, there's plenty of standard equipment, which includes dual-zone air conditioning, cruise

control, acoustic rear parking sensors, touchscreen satellite navigation system, driving mode selection (eco/comfort/sport/custom) and driver fatigue sensor.

You also get ESC incl, EBV, MSR, ASR, EDS, HBA and DSR all as standard. That's what I love about Skoda, they are not afraid to give you everything you will ever need, right there when you need it.

Space inside the Octavia is very good – easily managing to fit in a family of four. The boot space alone is also huge – and you would have no trouble at all fitting in the whole family. Also, if you are looking to own the Octavia as a business car, then go and sign on the dotted line right 'now' – before they all sell out.

In summary, I like the Octavia because its practical and fun to drive. It has bags of torque and plenty of space on the inside. Big Skoda smiles here!

The Octavia is priced from £20,575.

When point-to-point came to the Vale - part two

THIS is the second of the extracts from Brian Lee's long out of print book, *The Races Came Off - The Story of point-to-point racing in South and West Wales*.

Last time we were taken back in time to 1890 and this week we find ourselves in 1891... The following year, 1891, the Glamorgan Hunt point-to-point was held during the annual Cowbridge Hunt Week.

This was an annual week-long carnival of hunting and racing held in Cowbridge with a different programme each day. Bunting would be hung up in the High Street and the steeplechases took place at Penlline or Penllyn as it is called today.

The conditions of entry for these races were similar to the conditions of entry for point-to-points. But as for the actual course, the riders had to encounter trappy fences, natural banks, a couple of water jumps and some flights of gorse-topped hurdles.

The course for the point-to-point races, however, was kept a close secret until the day. The line of country chosen was from a hill at the Newlands Farm, Brocastle, round a flag close to St Mary Hill Church, and then home, the prizes being a silver plate for the 12 stone lightweight race and a choice between a claret jug or bowl for the 14 stone heavyweight event.

The first race was for horses not exceeding 15 h.h. which had been hunted with the hunt during the season.

This first event was won by Mr J. Davies on a horse called Grasshopper. Mr Davies also took the second race, which was for horses over 15 h.h., on the one-eyed Blinker, a good performer over banking courses.

The third race on the card, which was for farmers, resulted in a lucky win for Mr William Jones on Tally-Ho, after Irish Lass, who had looked all over the winner, took tumble.

Brian Lee is the author of *Racing Rogues, The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales, which is published by St David Press.*

Mixed Open at Wenvoe Castle



Club President Colin Champ (left) presenting the prize to the winning pair Paul Coombs (right) and Barbara Beedham (centre).



Lady captain Sheila Morrow (centre) presenting the prize to the runners-up Colin and Sandra Champ.

OVERCAST and there was just one '2' play. conditions greeted the competitors in the Mixed Open at Wenvoe Castle last Sunday.

However this didn't deter a high entry of players from far and wide who competed in a greensome pairs competition in which separate prizes were awarded to visitors and Wenvoe Castle members and intended to nullify any local knowledge of the course.

The visitor's prize was won by Jeff and Pam Williams of Radry Golf Club whose score of 37 points just held off the challenge of John and Angela Thomas-Jones from Mond Valley Golf Club who posted a score of 36 points.

The Wenvoe Castle member's prize was won by Paul Coombs and Barbara Beedham who scored an impressive 44 points.

Runners-up Colin and Sandra Champ also posted a high score of 41 points, which, on another day, would probably have been enough to win.

A special prize of nearest the pin on the second hole for the lady players was won by Geraldine Twamley from Glamorganshire Golf Club going close with the ball ending up just four feet from the hole.

A similar prize for the Gentlemen but on the 200 yard 15th hole was won by Keith Lewis who was closest at just nine feet.

Despite the high entry

Roy's purple patch continues

WITH his recent win in the Vets Challenge Cup and his second place in the August Medal, Roy Denton's purple patch

continued with a victory in St Mary's Golf Club's senior section's latest competition, a Stableford off yellow tees.

Commenting on his current form, Denton, who plays off a single figure handicap said: "The course is in great condition, especially the greens. My putter has been working really well."

The field of 36 teed off in a light drizzle under an overcast sky, but conditions improved as the morning wore on, and the rain gear was discarded when the sun finally broke through.

Section captain Hugh

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

AFC Rhoose became the first team to take points off Barry Athletic as they held the early leaders 1-1 at Cefn Road.

Island Marine pulled level on points with Athletic at the top as they edged out Cowbridge Town 3-2.

Penarth Town recorded their second win on the bounce as they were victorious 5-3 against Sully Sports who are still looking for their first points.

St Athan are the other team looking for their first points of the season as newly-promoted Barry Saints ran out 3-2 winners over last season's runners up.

In Division One, Cardiff Airport continued their perfect start to the season as they defeated the much fancied Cadoxton Imps 4-2 in a hard-fought win.

Holton Road join the Airport as the early pacesetters having played a game less as they shocked Cogan Coronation with a 9-2 humiliation at the Rec.

Cadoxton Barry notched their first win of the season in some style as they beat SP Billy 7-2 away.

Tynwydd also picked up their first

victory in a tight affair edging Cwm Talwg 1-0 at the Buttrils Fields.

In Division Two, it's AFC Rhoose B who lead the way after three games with a 2-0 win away to Penarth Town B.

Vale Madrid also have a perfect start although have played a game less, they were victorious 3-0 against Cadoxton Athletic in a very impressive result - Vale Madrid are yet to concede either.

St Athan B saw off Barry Albion 3-1 at the Buttrils and Island Marine B got their first three points of the season with a narrow 2-1 win over Barry Athletic B.

This week there is a full Premier Division and Division One fixture program Wednesday evening with the match of the night being Island Marine hosting Barry Athletic in the Island derby at Maslin Park with both teams locked on seven points at the top of the table.

Oh Saturday all three divisions return with a full fixture program with the match of the day likely to be Rhoose B vs Vale Madrid in Division Two with at least one perfect start set to go.

HD

Tim's Newton Abbot winner

MIDNIGHT Queen, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthaw in the Vale and ridden by Richard Patrick, landed the Racegoers Club 50th Anniversary Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase at Newton Abbot last Tuesday evening.

Eight-year-old Midnight Queen, a filly in her previous race, won by half-a-length from the Colin Tizzard-trained Top Chief and went off at odds of 9-1.

BRIAN LEE

Walking football comes to Barry

WALKING Football comes to Jenner Park on September 8 as Wales take on England.

There are two games being played, with the over-60s and then the over-65s hoping to claim bragging rights over their English neighbours.

The first game kicks off at 2pm.

Williams secured second place with 39 points, one less than Denton's fine four under equivalent par, 40.

Bryant Thomas completed the placings on 35 points.

Two days later, 27 members of the section played a team competition in which, for each of the nine teams of three players, the best of the three Stableford scores was recorded for the first six holes, the better two scores for the next six holes and all three scores for the final six holes.

With an equivalent par score of 72 points, second place was secured by the team comprising Wayne Newton, Dave Hughes and Norman Lloyd.

Graham Jones, Dave Llewellyn and section chairman Gordon Martin claimed the victory on 73 points.

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Barry Town United knocked out of MG Cup on penalties



Kayne McLaggon celebrates scoring the last-minute equaliser on Friday night

Barry RFC ready for new season

THIS Saturday sees the 2018-19 league season kick off when Barry RFC welcome newly-promoted Taffs Well to the Reservoir Field, kick-off 2.30pm.

The league will once again be very competitive and Barry will be hoping to bounce back from the disappointment of last season when the side were decimated by injury at the back end and unable to maintain their promotion challenge which looked possible after the turn of the year.

New opponents this year, besides Taffs Well, are the other promoted side, Abercwmboi together with Heol-Y-Cyw and Llanharan both relegated from Division One last season.

No doubt all four will be looking to either

BARRY Town United are out of this season's Nathaniel MG Cup, beaten on penalties by Cambrian and Clydach after a 0-0 stalemate in the Rhondda.

Long-serving Barry goalkeeper Dan Bradley would be the hero for the home side, saving spot kicks from both Luke Cooper and Jonathan Hood, while Curtis Watkins sent his own attempt high into the night sky.

Bradley, who kept over 100 clean sheets across his 11-year stint at Jenner Park, now also has the accolade of shutting out his former team, having made key saves from Hood and Tom Fry over the course of Tuesday night's match.

The result means there will be no repeat of the 2016-17 campaign, when a run started at Cambrian carried the Town right the way to the January final.

Elsewhere in the competition, Barry boy James Dixon made an impactful return to action by scoring in Penybont's 3-1 win over Ton Pentre.

Striker Dixon, who recently signed a contract with Barry, is newly on loan with the Bridgend side as part of his recovery from a long-term injury lay-off.

In total, four of the 12 JD Welsh Premier League clubs would fall at the first hurdle, with Caernarfon, Llanelli Town and Cefn Druids also eliminated.

PRIOR to that, a late, late equaliser from Kayne McLaggon helped Barry Town United secure a last-gasp point at Llanelli Town on Friday, though Gavin Chesterfield's men will have left disappointed to have not taken all three.

With both teams coming into the televised clash off the back of 3-2 wins the prior weekend, visitors Barry would trail at Stebonheath for almost the entire game, after falling a goal behind less than two minutes in.

Latching onto a piercing ball over the top from his teammate Joe Clarke, in-form James



Goalmouth action from the game.

Loveridge beat and then provider, setting up nipped past Barry Touray for a rising effort that soared inches over the bar, before the latter's many fine footwork enabled him to force a rare diving save out of goalkeeper Davies.

Rattled by the early setback, Barry would regain their composure and would subsequently seize the lion's share of possession, although this did not always translate into clear-cut chances or hits on goal.

Their finest opportunity of the first half came when lively Momodou Touray picked out fellow forward McLaggon, who quickly took the ball around shot stopper Oliver Davies to leave an empty net in sight.

However, with the Reds rushing back to defend their line, the ex-Southampton man opted against a left-footed placement, his right-footed pass towards Jonathan Hood zipping on past at the back post.

After Touray curled his own effort wide and saw a later attempt cleared to safety, the promising young striker worked to set up McLaggon once more, yet with a herd of Reds defenders blocking his path, McLaggon's final effort would only skim past the frame of Davies' goal.

With the sun swiftly setting at Stebonheath, the second half saw Barry maintain their steady pressure on the JD Welsh Premier League newcomers, who worked doggedly to hold onto their slender 1-0 advantage.

In one of the moments of the match, midfielder Tom Fry ran onto a beautiful back heel from McLaggon, only to see his first-time shot rebound cruelly off the post, to be collected by a relieved Llanelli defence.

McLaggon would continue to act as

Centurions' slip leaves promotion in the balance

SULLY Centurions fell to an unexpected defeat at Hopkinstown on a wet Saturday afternoon in the valleys.

Batting first, Centurions' batsmen registered several low scores, with Ben Spear (27 not out) being the top scorer.

Staples, with 3 for 30, and Pember (2 for 14) did most of the damage for the home side as Sully slipped to just 144 all out in the 40th over.

After tea (and rain delays) Hopkinstown set about chasing the target. Pember top-scored with 67, with support from Hopkins (35) as the hosts reached 145 for 6 with seven overs remaining.

For Centurions, Gareth Thomas was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 2 for 28. This meant that Sully only managed to accumulate five bonus points and they now sit in third spot, seven points behind Pontymister and Cross Keys, with only one match remaining.

Hopkinstown 145-6, Sully Centurions 144 all out.

THE second XI hosted Hopkinstown second XI at Burnham Avenue and easily won a one-sided affair by eight wickets.

The visitors batted first and were soon in trouble, losing early wickets.

Nick Jones had a fine day, as he picked up five wickets for 30, with solid support from Harish (2-13) and a miserly spell from Nathan Cuddihy who, while taking no wickets, bowled eight overs for just 11 runs to frustrate the visiting batsmen.

Dan Chaulk and Jason Hicks picked up one wicket apiece and Hopkinstown slumped to 81 all out after just 28 overs.

In reply, after an early scare, losing Russell Thomas and Dan Chaulk with only 10 runs on the board, Nick Jones followed up his bowling heroics with an unbeaten half-century to steer Centurions to victory.

Patrick Lane, with 14, was the other not out batsman as Centurions hit the target with plenty of overs left.

This leaves Centurions in second place and now only require five points from the final game to secure promotion.

Sully Centurions second XI 82-2, Hopkinstown second XI 81 all out.

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MF

Costly loss for Windsor

THE first team of Penarth Windsor Bowls Club made the trip to Merthyr and suffered an agonising defeat by a mere six shots against Guest Memorial.

The disappointment was compounded by the fact that three rinks were lost and one drawn meaning a single league point was their only reward.

It could have been so different as Matt Woodcock and Rod Hudson's rinks built up substantial early leads only to be hit by a second half recovery by the home team.

Conversely, the other two rinks were down early on but battled back to force close finishes. The result probably means that Windsor's future in League 2 will not be decided until the very end of September.

Rink scores: Tom Evans, Phil Gooding, Ian Paterson and Matt Woodcock 21-21; Alan Davies 23-21; Alan Davies, Alan Dudley, David Hales and Mike Cuccinello 14-16; Brin Peregrine, Dave Brenton, John Hardess and David Howells 13-17.

At least there was a good result for the Dunlop, Veronica Flitney Munro Cup team who continued their run of successes with a nine shot victory away at and Moyra Owen 18-17; Murch.

Rink scores: Alan Rees, Lars White and Richard Flitney, Pete Davies, Simon Latham, Kay Dyer 21-11; Morrish, Mal Hope and Dave Hales and Charlie PM

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